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SLAVE TRAFFIC IN CHILDREN IN BURMA!

SEQUEL TO WIDESPREAD POVERTY AND DISTRESS

RANGOON, Dec. 18, (A. P. A.): Slave traffic in children, mostly girls sold as servants, is flourishing in Burma as a result of widespread poverty and distress among the peasant community.

Needy parents in small up-country villages where the war's devastation left many without any source of income are bringing their children to the larger towns and particularly to Rangoon for sale to wealthy families. Girls for household duties are in the greatest demand because of the servant shortage and fetch the highest prices.

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"Charges Against Accused Not Proved"

BHULABHAI SUMS UP CASE FOR I.N.A. DEFENCE

Declares Red Fort Trial Is Wholly Illegal

RED FORT, DELHI, Dec. 18, (A.P.I.): Mr. Bhulabhai Desai this evening concluded his ten-hour address defending Captains Shah Nawaz and Sehgal and Lieut. Dhillon before the general court martial presided over by Major-General Blaxland.

Besides arguing that the acts on which the charges against the accused were based formed part of due prosecution of a war of liberation undertaken by a subject race, Mr. Desai contended that the charges of murder and abetment were unproved.

He urged that the trial was wholly illegal because, among other reasons, the accused had been tried collectively for offences which they had not committed collectively.

The Privy Council, Mr. Desai said, had held in a Madras case that as the accused in that case had been tried for some forty separate offences, the trial was a contravention of the Criminal Procedure Code and, therefore, the conviction of the accused should be set aside.

After Mr. Desai's address, the court agreed to give a three-day adjournment to enable the Advocate-General to prepare his reply.

BHULABHAI CONCLUDES ADDRESS

RED FORT (DELHI), Dec. 18 (A.P.I).—Resuming his closing address to the I.N.A. Court Martial trying Capt. Shah Nawaz Khan, Capt. Sahgal and Lt. Dhillon, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Defence Counsel, today read out the American Declaration of Independence in 1776 and said, "Here you have a classic illustration of conflict between allegiance to the King and allegiance to the country, and men of honour chose their own country to the imposed allegiance of a foreign King. If this illustration of the case of a country which saved the world in the last war and did so much in the cause of civilisation is not going to be respected, I submit that justice would be completely denied."

"By reason of what happened at Farrar Park and the actual state of events in India," said Mr. Desai, "it was perfectly legitimate, and indeed legitimised by the course of history, for the members of the I.N.A to do what the American colonists did in 1776. I commend the American Declaration of Independence to this court in order that you in your wisdom will consider it just, if ever any question arises. It is indeed amazing how true the words of the American Declaration of Independence are today.

EQUALITY OF MAN

"The recent announcement by the President of the United States and the British Prime Minister are similar to the statement made in the American Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal and they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Comparing the oath of allegiance to the Provisional Government of Free India with the American Declaration of Independence, Defence Counsel submitted that the intention in both cases was similar.

Mr. Desai hoped that Prosecution would not bring in any "principles of treason" because, unlike the codes of other countries, the Indian Penal Code contained no such loose expression as "treason."

Mr. Desai quoted an old English authority of 1797 for the statement that where a powerful nation failed to protect a weaker nation, which was under its protection, the weaker nation automatically recovered its independence. Mr Desai submitted that this condition was fulfilled in the case of the I.N.A.

NO TOOLS OF ENEMY

Mr. Desai submitted that assuming for the purpose of argument that the accused were just prisoners of war of the Japanese and the events which took place had not taken place, they had not violated the obligations of prisoners of war. The accused did not, within the meaning of rules for prisoners of war, ever allow themselves to be the tools or instruments of the enemy. "I wish to make the point that there is no obligation whatever which prevents a person who was a prisoner of war from fighting on his own account for the liberty of his own country. I wish to re-emphasise the relation between the Japanese Army and the I.N.A., the objective of the I.N.A. and the sworn objective of the Japanese as regards India. Unless these are borne in mind, the court may easily go into a wrong track.

"I quite agree that the Court or any member of it may say, 'You were fools in believing the Japanese.' That has nothing to do with the issue. The question is whether those who formed the I.N.A. 'bona fide' did believe that they would be able to secure

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PITCHED BATTLE WITH GERMAN YOUTH

DUESSELDORF Dec. 18, (Reuter): British military police fought a pitched street battle with revolvers and sten-guns today when rounding up an armed gang of German youths who had been terrorising the district by raiding farms and staging hold-ups.

There were no casualties among the police, but several of the German gangsters were wounded. About 20 arrests were made.

United Nations Assembly

LONDON, Dec. 18 (APA): Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, told the House of Commons today that the United Kingdom delegation to the United Nations Assembly opening January 10 would be headed by Prime Minister Attlee.

Other members of the delegation will be Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, Minister of Education, Ellen Wilkinson, Minister of State Philip Noel-Baker, and Attorney-General Sir Hartley Shawcross.

Associate delegates will include Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury; Rector MacNeil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary to the India Office; Arthur Creech Jones, Under-Secretary for the Colonies; and Major Younger, Member of Parliament.

Indonesian Strikers Do Some Fighting

SYDNEY, Dec. 18 (Reuter): Over 200 striking Indonesians seamen today staged a demonstration at the offices of the Dutch shipping line 'KPM' demanding food and repatriation.

They surged up the stairway and fought with the Dutchmen in the office. The Indonesians picked up one employee and hurled him against a glass partition which was smashed. All typists screamed hysterically except one. She picked up an Indonesian and threw him downstairs. Finally the strikers installed themselves in the office and drank cups of tea and smoked cigarettes prepared for the staff until the police came and induced them to leave.

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WALK-OVER FOR DETENU

Four Congress Candidates Returned Unopposed To Punjab Assembly

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 18. (A.P.I): Prof. Tilak Raj Chadha, a security prisoner confined in Gujarat Jail, who was the Congress nominee for the Rawalpindi Division General Constituency of the Punjab Assembly, has been declared elected. He is the fourth Congress candidate to be returned unopposed.

Followin are the other three Congress candidates returned unopposed to the Punjab Assembly: Chowdhry Kishen Gopal Dutt, Mrs. Brijlal Nehru and Seth Sudharshan.

HUQ'S TALKS WITH GOVERNOR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18. (A.P.I.): Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, ex-Premier, who had an interview with the Governor of Bengal this evening told the A.P.I. that he was convinced that His Excellency was completely alive to the gravity of the situation and seemed determined to take deterent steps "to put down the lawlessness that is marring elections in the province a travesty of constitutional practice and procedure."

Returning from Government House Mr. Huq met his party people at his residence and apprised them of the gist of his talk with the Governor.

CONGRESS SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION

125 Workers To Benefit From Maharashtra Collections

POONA, Dec. 18. (U.P.I.): A decision to form a "Congress Servants' Association' was reached, it is understood, at a meeting of about 75 Congress workers of Maharashtra held here today

It is gathered that about 125 full or part-time Congress workers will be selected under the auspices of the Association from different districts of Maharashtra by the beginning of January next, who will devote themselves to constructive and organisation work of the Congress.

It is understood that Mr. Shankarrao Deo has been authorised to select such workers and about Rs. 1,50,000 of the total fund of Rs. 2,50,000 will be spent as their honorarium during 1946

C. P TO FOLLOW SUIT

It is learnt that the question of forming a Congress workers' organisation similar to that formed in Maharashtra for C. P. (Marathi) will be considered at the meeting of Congress workers of the Province to be held at Nagpur on December 27. Mr. Shankarrao Deo will attend the meeting.

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Lords Turn Down Joyce's Appeal

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter): William Joyce, found guilty of high treason for broadcasting to Britain over the German radio during the war, will suffer death penalty, unless Royal prerogative is exercised.

House of Lords, after a four-day hearing, dismissed his final appeal today. Joyce was not present when the decision was announced.

Joyce was a convinced Nazi admirer of Hitler, a hater of Jews and believer in government by machine-gun.

He made no secret of the fact that he wanted to apply force in government, particularly to India.

"If Gandhi and Congress won't accept our views they will have to accept our bullets", he said more than once.

The decision of the House of Lords on the appeal was by majority, Lord Porter dissenting from the Lord Chancellor, (Lord Jowitt) and Lords MacMillan Wright and Simonds.

Their Lordships' reasons for dismissing the appeal will be given later.

When the decision was announced, a man sitting in the public gallery cried out "This man is innocent. I prophesied death of Hitler and his return." The interrupter was immediately silenced.

NEXT CONGRESS SESSION

Tentative Plans Before Commissioner Of Delhi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18. (U.P.I.): Mr. Asaf Ali, member of the Congress Working Committee, in a statement says that it is a matter of pride for Delhi that after 27 years it has again been chosen as the venue of the next plenary session of the Indian National Congress.

He says that within three months they will have to raise a new city to house no less than one and a half lakh souls and for that they shall need money, men, material and skill of high order to complete their task.

Mr. Asaf Ali appeals to all Congressmen and sympathisers to become members of the Reception Committee. Five thousand volunteers, both men and women, will be needed to make the forthcoming session a success.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

The Delhi Provincial Congress Committee met at Mr. Asaf Ali's residence yesterday to consider the question of making necessary arrangements for the forthcoming session of the National Congress. It was decided to start enrolment of members to the Reception Committee at once. Subscription for the membership of the Committee has been fixed at Rs. 50, but Congress workers who had been to jail in connection with the 1942 Movement would be charged on a concession rate of Rs. 10 only.

The Reception Committee will begin to function in the first week of January, 1946

SEARCH FOR SITE

Lala Deshbandhu Gupta, Mr. Raghunandan Saran and Mr. Gulati who had prepared plans for the last four sessions of the Indian National Congress, visited various sites yesterday to select a suitable place for holding the next plenary session of the Congress in the first week of April.

It is understood they have formulated some tentative proposals which were discussed by them yesterday with the Chief Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of Delhi. They also discussed with the authorities questions of sanitation, electricity water supply, transport and supply of provisions. The Chief Commissioner is reported to have promised to give his best consideration to the various suggestions put forward on the question of site as quickly as possible.

ARRESTED AT WARDHA MAHILASHRAM

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 18, (U. P. I.): Miss Giribala Das, a Bengali student of the Mahilashram, was arrested today under instructions from the Bengal Government in connection Miss Das has been releasde on Miss Das has been released no bail.

Police Fire On Mohurrum Crowd: One Killed

PATNA, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.)—A clash occurred yesterday between the police and Muharram processionists in Thana Shahkund, District Bhagalpur as a result of which one Chowkidar died and another police constable was injured, according to a report received here.

The police opened three rounds of fire, the report adds, to disperse the mob.

Stop Press

LORDS ACCEPT LOAN AGREEMENT

LONDON, Dec. 18. (Reuter): The House of Lords by 90 votes to 8 to-night approved the Government motion accepting the Anglo-American loan agreement.

The Bretton Woods monetary Agreement was passed through all its stages in the House of Lords without discussion in one minute to-night.

WORKERS REJECT FORD OFFER

DETROAIT, Dec. 18 (APA). The United Automobile Workers' Union today rejected a Ford Motor Company offer of fifteen cents (a little less than eight annas) an hour pay increase.

STALIN BACK IN MOSCOW

'Big Three' Talks Make Good Start'

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (Reuter): The Moscow Conference of the 'Big Three' Foreign Ministers has made a "good start", according to an authoritative source here to-day.

This and the suggestion that this afternoon's conference may take the talks into the stage of actual discussions is almost the only news to have penerated the veil of strict secrecy surrounding, all details of the meetings, cables Eric Downton, Reuter's correspondent in the Soviet Capital.

This afternoon's conference will be presided over by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James F. Byrnes.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was planning to call on M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, before the formal opening of this afternoon's session. According to American sources, both he and Mr. Byrnes are certain to visit President Stalin and pay their respects to the Head of the Soviet Government some time during the conference.

Generalissimo Stalin's return to the Capital after his holiday at Sochi has been welcomed by all Russians. Generalissimo Stalin comes back to the strenuous life of the Soviet Chief of State, rested and refreshed and the Russians hope that the announcement will put an end to many rumours circulating abroad.

EVENTS IN PERSIA

Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes spent the morning to-day making preparations for to-day's conference. Mr. Bevin is being kept well-informed of the events in Persia. He has recieved further reports on the newly-establish Democrat Party Government in Azerbaijan and has again seen Sir Reader Bullard, the British Ambassador to Persia. Translations of Soviet reports giving information on the new Government were made for him.

Mr. Byrnes is also studying the latest reports on the situation and has conferred with his staff. An American expert on Persian affairs is reported to have just arrived from the American Legation in Teheran to see Mr. Byrnes.

In the secrecy surrounding the talks, the Moscow Press to-day confined its reporting to repetition of the official Soviet announcement of the opening of the conference. So far, it appears that there will be "minimum pubicity", possiby confined to occasional official statements.

(Reliable quarters in Washington last night said there was a strong possibility that the 'Big Three' Foreign Ministers may also discuss the Spanish problem, a Reuter dispatch from the United States Capital reported).

'Hidden Rocks Under Waters'

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (Reuter): The periodical "New Times" (formerly the "War and Working Class") calling for co-operation between Britain, the United States and the U.S.S.R. and speaking of "dangers in their path," said: "The Anglo-Soviet-American coalition, formed during the war, showed its capacity for united action in the interest of the general struggle against aggressors. During war it was already possible to foresee that the tasks of a peaceful settlement would require many shorts and goodwill on the part of all participants in the anti-Hitler Coalition. Under the new conditions resulting from the ending of the war, the strength of this new coalition faces serious tests. Though there is no doubt that there are real possibilities for a successful solution of present international problems, it is, at the same time, clear that there are many hidden rocks under the waters."

Chinese "Reds" Capture Railroad Town

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES BEFORE PEACE TALKS

Chou En-Lai Outlines Communist Terms For Unity

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18, (A. P. A.): Chinese dispatches said the Communists captured the important Tientsin-Pukow railroad town of Tengsien midway between Nanking and Tientsin after "ferocious assaults".

In Chungking, General Yeh Chin Yeng, Chief of Staff of the Communist armies, told newemen the main scenes of fighting in China were the provinces of Shantung and Hope.

COMMUNIST TERMS

Chou En Lai, Leader of the Communist Delegation to the forthcoming Chinese peace talks, announced today the Communists would demand an open general election for the National Assembly.

He told newsmen that the Communists would seek cessation of hostilities before the convocation of the All-Party Political Consultative Council and if that failed he would insist that this be the first item of the Council's agenda.

The Chinese Assembly which was selected before the Sino-Japanese war, was not representative of the people of China, Chou said.

He declared: "The situation in a word in China is that there is civil war and we will demand cessation of hostilities. This is in conformity with the desires of the Chinese people."

The second requisite, Chou continued, was a programme of peaceful national reconstruction.

He said the Communists wanted political democracy, nationalisation of the Chinese Army and legal status in all political parties, because this represented the will of the people of China, the Allied Governments and the world.

Chou En Lai declared Nationalisation of the Army could only follow genuine Nationalisation of the Civil Government.

He contended that the Communists could not be expected to hand over their armies to preserve a One-Party Government since, if this was done, the Communist troops would become party troops.

He said: "The idea would be to put an end to the present period of political tutelage and establish a Democratic Coalition Government. Such a Government would administer the whole country and control the whole army."

PASSPORT TROUBLE HOLDS UP MRS. PANDIT

KARACHI, Dec. 18, (U.P.I.): The return of Mrs. Vijaya Luxmi Pandit to India has been delayed owing to hindrances in renewing her passport, according to advices received here. It is, therefore, regarded unlikely that she will be able to attend the session of the All-India Women's Conference to be held at Hyderabad (Sind).

M. P.s TOO NEED EXERCISE!

LONDON, Dec. 18, (Reuter): Because the authorities have become alarmed at the effect of long hours spent in the House of Commons during session, members of Parliament are to have a "recreation room" in the Palace of Westminster.

A large room is to be turned into a gymnasium with punch balls, boxing gloves, table-tennis, rowing machines, etc.

By an ancient regulation the only recreation previously allowed within the palace of Westminster was chess.

BR. TROOPS CLASH WITH INDONESIANS

Over 100 Javanese And Three Indians Killed

BATAVIA, Dec. 18 (APA): A bitter hand-to-hand battle between a British Column and 3,000 Indonesians at Buitenzord Dec. 17 in which at least 80 Indonesians were killed was reported to-day in the "Fighting Cock" newspaper of the 23rd Indian Division.

The paper said the British suffered 32 casualties.

Three Indians were killed and one British officer and 28 Indians were wounded when the Column ran into road blocks 30 miles south of Batavia, the newspaper said

It estimated the Indonesian dead might total 100.

An official British statement issued later minimized the action, mentioning no Indonesian casualties and, reporting only 2 killed in the British ranks and 5 wounded.

Two hundred and fifty Europeans and Eurasians evacuated from Bandoeng said Indonesians took away 32 others a few days ago and nothing had been heard of them since.

Apart from few looting cases, Batavia was quiet to day A British company patrolled the area south of Semarang and rescued the Swis Consul and his wife who were held prisoner.

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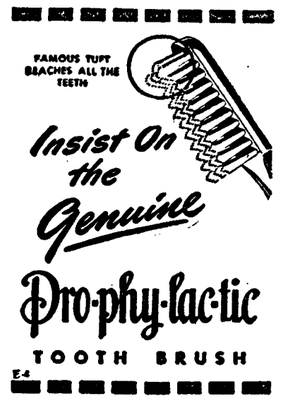

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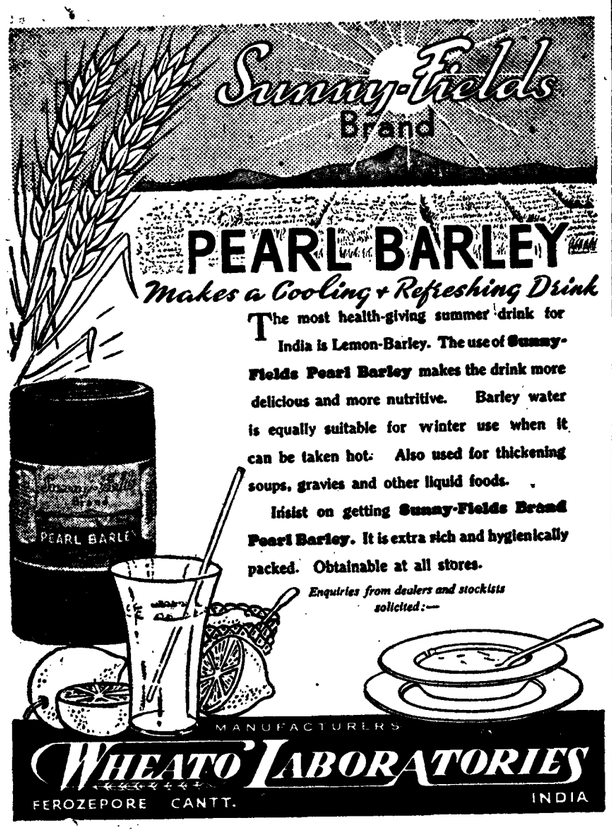

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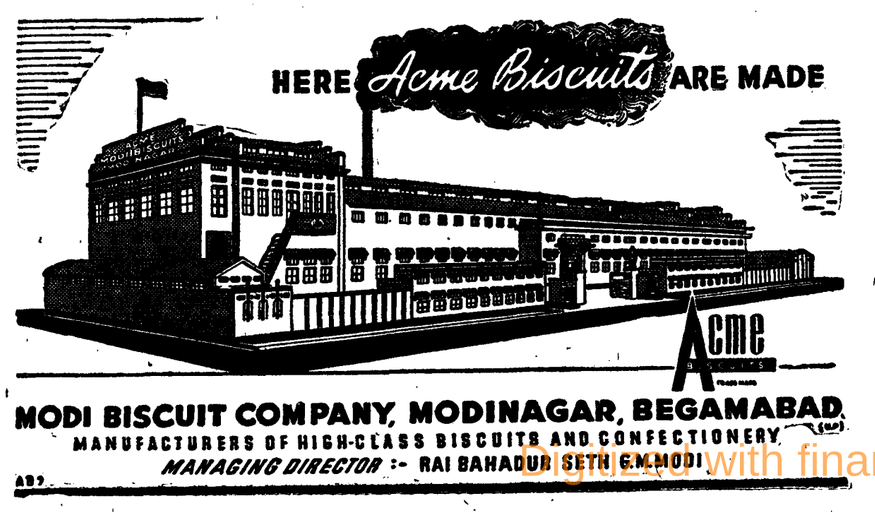

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Mr. Madhavlal Bhatt Demands Removal Of All Restrictions

"The development of the Co-operative movement during the past 25 years has been one of the brighest landmarks in India's history. It has succeeded, because it has been able to command the best brains and the co-operation of all sections of the community in the fullest sense of the term," said Sir Godfrey Collins, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, inaugurating the All-India Co-operative Insurance Societies' Conference held at Bombay.

At a time when India stood at the parting of the ways, said Sir Godfrey, he was confident in thinking that this past association would continue and increase, and would play its part in solving those problems, both social and political, which demanded co-operation in the broadest measure.

Welcoming Sir Godfrey, Mr. Madhavlal M. Bhatt, J.P., said that they were particularly grateful to him for having kindly consented to formally inaugurate the Conference.

After outlining the path that Co-operative Insurance in India has followed, Mr. Bhatt expressed that he felt that Co-operative Insurance had not yet explored all the possibilities open to it, not only in the realm of life insurance, but also in other spheres of economic activity, and emphasised the need for the delegates assembled there to devise ways and means by which Co-operative Insurance could play its fruitful part by minimising the risk attendant upon the variegated activities which the Co-operative Movement itself may be tackling, as also those arising due to economic and industrial activities.

Help To Housing Societies

Various resolutions were passed at the concluding session of the All-India Co-operative Insurance Societies' Association.

One resolution stated that in view of the existing restrictions on investments of Insurance Companies, further restrictions on their powers to invest imposed by various Co-operative Acts, placed them at great disadvantage as against joint stock companies. The resolution requested the various authorities concerned to remove such restrictions.

The meeting also welcomed the development of housing societies on co-operative lines and with a view to relieve the present acute shortage of decent housing accommodation, both in the urban and rural areas, requested all co-operative insurance societies to render the necessary financial assistance by means of loans at reasonable rates or otherwise, to such societies.

MR. BHATT'S ADDRESS

Mr. M. M. Bhatt, addressing the audience as the President-elect of the All-India Co-operative Insurance Societies' Association, said:

I may assure you that I shall do my utmost to enable our Association to acquire a high position and commanding influence both in the Co-operative Movement and in the Insurance counsels, with the friendly co-operation of you all.

Sir Godfrey Collins has in his speech already drawn our attention to some of the matters which we should deliberate upon today and with which our Association will be called upon to deal in the near future. Those of us, who are intimately connected with the day-to-day management of Co-operative Insurance Societies feel, however, that though larger problems must and should claim our fair share of attention, we may devote ourselves to these problems only after we have successfully tackled the problems both in the matter of investments and of the policy of taxation, which affects us very vitally today.

Under the Insurance Act, 1938, with a view to safeguard the interests of the Policyholders, the Central Government have incorporated provisions compelling the investment of a certain proportion of funds of the insurers in Government and Approved Securities. There are also similar provisions in the Insurance Acts of the various Indian States. Co-operative Insurance Societies being required to register themselves under the said Insurance Acts have to observe these provisions. Further restrictions, therefore, imposed on their ability to invest, by various Co-operative Acts, only hamper the Societies from investing in such a manner as to enable them to earn a reasonable yield And interest yield, as you are all aware, plays a very important role in the conduct of Life Insurance Business.

Co-operative Insurance has, no doubt, made rapid strides in the Life Branch, but, under the given monetary conditions of today, if freedom to invest their funds were not available, Co-operative Insurance Societies would be placed at a great disadvantage vis-a-vis other Insurance Companies, and their power to function successfully would be gravely impaired.

REMOVE ALL RESTRICTIONS

I have to note here with pleasure that a good beginning has already been made by the Government of Bombay in this connection. It is, however, only a beginning and in course of time, I trust, they would take the initiative in removing in toto all restrictions on investments under Bombay Act VII of 1925 in so far as Co-operative Insurance Societies are concerned. I earnestly appeal to the other Provincial Governments and to the Governments of the Indian States to modify the provisions in the Co-operative Acts relating to investment of funds in so far as they affect Co-operative Insurance Societies.

Then, there is the question of taxation of income of Co-operative Insurance Societies. It cannot be again said that the Co-operative Movement stands for the uplift of the poorer classes and is, in a sense, a moral movement. The object of the Societies is not profit-earning in the sense of other concerns. Co-operative Societies do not, commercially speaking, have any profits at all. This is particularly true of Co-operative Societies carrying on Life Insurance Business.

So far as the so-called profits of a Co-operative Insurance Society are concerned, they are simply surcharges resulting from the premia actually paid by its members being on an average slightly in excess of the premia required theoretically. This position has been technically accepted by the Central Government, and under Section 60 of the Indian Income-tax Act, the profits of any Co-operative Society are exempted from payment of tax. The said exemption, however, does not go far enough as far as Co-operative Life Insurance Societies are concerned.

The exemption does not apply to the income derived by the Societies by way of interest on Securities or Dividends. The exemption only applies to profits in the strict sense of the word, as computed in accordance with the special rules governing the determination of the profits of Life Insurance Business contained in the Schedule to the Income-tax Act. This restrictive application of the exemption to profits in the strict sense of the word has been presumably done on the ground that investment in Securities by Co-operative Societies is an investment of surplus funds or, so to speak, an investment of profits and that the said investment does not form part of the normal business of a Co-operative Society. A distinction has been made between the taxation of profits and the taxation of income derived by way of interest on Securities or Dividends. As pointed out earlier, however, Co-operative Insurance Societies which carry on Life Business are Mutual Co-operative Societies without having any shareholders. All the Policyholders are members. Hence, they are not, in the ordinary sense, earning profits for distribution to shareholders. They should not, therefore, be chargeable to any income-tax at all.

Funds Practically Deposits

Secondly, while it is not generally a part of the normal business of other types of Co-operative Societies to invest their funds in Government Securities, the same reasoning does not hold good in the case of Co-operative Insurance Societies. By the very nature of the business of insurance which they carry on, the funds in their hands are practically deposits. The Societies are required to invest and keep invested these in such a manner that a certain minimum rate of interest shall be earned by them and the funds accumulated with interest shall be adequate to discharge the liabilities as and when they arise. To illustrate the point, I would like to go back to the basic contract in Life Insurance. It is stipulated that on consideration of payment of a fixed sum of money each year on a particular date, over a number of years, the member or his estate shall be paid on survival or prior death a certain sum of money. In arriving at the consideration to be paid by the member, it is assumed that the said consideration shall earn a particular rate of interest when invested. Thus, the investment of the premia coming into the hands of a Co-operative Insurance Society is not only a necessary part of its business, it is the most vital and essential part.

I need not recapitulate that whatever premia are received are more or less deposits and they are required to be returned to members in terms of the contract entered into between the Society and its members on the happening of the contingency insured against. Thus a definite obligation is laid upon the Society to earn a certain rate of interest on the funds, which interest, as per the contract, is required to be returned by the Society to the member. The Society does not in any way directly benefit from the interest income derived by it in the investment of these funds. As you all know these profits are determined periodically by a competent Actuary by a Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities as at a given date. It is only at this stage that it is possible to speak of "profits". The investment, therefore, by the Societies of their funds is not investment of profits or surpluses, but only investment of deposit coming into their hands, namely, the premia.

Again as pointed out by me previously while discussing the necessity for freedom to invest, the Insurance Act lays down that a Company or Society doing Life Insurance Business shall invest and hold invested 55 per cent of its assets in Government and Approved Securities. In the case of Co-operative Insurance Societies they are further required by the various Co-operative Acts to invest and hold invested practically their entire assets in Trustee Securities. Thus, the investment of funds by a Co-operative Society in Government and Approved Securities is not only a part of their normal business, but is also required under the Law.

I am deeply indebted to you, Gentlemen for having heard me patiently. In view of the limited time at our disposal, I regret I have not been able to make a detailed reference to the ways and means whereby we can assist in the promotion of other Co-operative Insurance Societies to transact Crop Insurance, Fire Insurance and the like. These problems, however, should engage the serious consideration of our Association.

Before I conclude, I would like to make an earnest appeal to all Co-operative Insurance Societies to give us the benefit of their valuable experience and the influence which they command, both with their membership and with the authorities of their areas, by their joining the Association forthwith so as to enable this Association to make its influence felt and to be more serviceable I trust when we meet next, all the Co-operative Insurance Societies working either in British India or in the Indian India will take active part in the deliberations and chalk out a common policy on matters affecting them.

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IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTE: 4-10 p.m. (S. T.), to-day.

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: The Constitution of Man" is the subject of a talk to be followed by questions and answers, at 6.15 to-day, at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain.

HUSEIN DAY PUBLIC MEETING: At Kesar Baug Dongri, to-night at 9.00 p.m. Ervad Darab Dastur Framroz Kutar Mr. Chandravadan C. Mehta, Mr. L. A. Oak, Mr. Hajl Noormoham. med Ahmed, Mr. Ali Sardar Jafri Kaufeazam, Mr. Akbarali 'Jafri' will pay tributes to the Martyr's of Kerbala Dr. Zakir Husein will preside.

DNYAN PRASARAK MANDDALI: Dr. Suresh M. Sethna to lecture in Gujarati at the Room No. 2 of the Royal Institute of Science at 6 p.m., to-day. Subject: "Atom and Atomic Energy". Dr. Ardeshir S. Kalapesi to preside.

FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION: Mr. P. Y. Deshpande of Nagpur to lecture on 'The Psychological Reactions of the Atom Bomb' (in Marathi) at Ruia College, at 7 p.m., to-day.

BOMBAY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Informal Meeting: (members only) in Wilson College, at 6 p.m., to-day. Principal A. A. A. Fyzee is the guest of honour.

GIRL STUDENTS' CONVENTION: A meeting of the delegates to elect the Subjects Committee of the convention, at 6 p.m., to-day, at Jinnah Hall.

A. I. R. BOMBAY will broadcast a talk in Marathi on "Women In Reconstruction" by Her Highness the Regent Ranisaheb of Savantwadi at 5-45 p.m., to-day, on 244 and 48.73 metres.

HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH: A meeting of the Bombay Provincial Board, at 6 p.m., to-day, at Sjt. K. M. Munshi's Chambers, opp. the University Gardens.

TEXTILE LABOUR UNION: Monthly meeting of the Managing Committee at 7 p.m., to-day in the Union Headquarters at 45, Sham Bhuvan, Parbavdi.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS' UNION: Annual general meeting of the Municipal Workers' Union Bombay, at Marwari Vidyalay Hall, Sandhurst Road at 6.30 p.m. to-day.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Free Exhibition of talkie films at Municipal Park near St. Michael Church, Mahim, at 8-30 p.m., to-day.

MAZDAZNAN: 101st Birthday of Dr. Hanish to-day (Wednesday) at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road. At 8-30 a.m. Jashan Ceremony, followed by joint prayers and Sermon. At 6 p.m., special gathering will be held when Mother Gloria will preside and others will address.

BOMBAY TAMIL SANGHAM: A talk by Mr. S. R. T. Rajan at Sangham premises, 9 p.m., to-day.

AMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ Ramana Jayanti celebration; Hari. katha tonight by Sri. Vijayaraghava Bhagatar of Mannargudi and party on 'Tiruneelakanta.

"DEEWAR" IN AID OF MAYOR'S I. N. A. FUND

Prithvi Theatres are presenting a charity show of their popular drama "Deewar" in aid of the I.N.A. Relief Fund started by the Mayor of Bombay on Sunday 23rd December at 9 a.m. at the Royal Opera House. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will inaugurate the show.

A.-I. Obstetric & Gynaecological Congress

The 4th All India Obstetric and Gynaecological Congress will be held at Lahore on the 29th, 30th and 31st December Dr. Chamanlal Mehta of Bombay is the President-elect of the said Congress.

Plea To Relax Petrol Rationing

BOMBAY, Dec. 18 (API): The Provincial Motor Transport Association has urged on the War Transport Department to relax petrol rationing for commercial vehicles. The Association has sent similar requests to the Viceroy and the Secretary of State for India.

WELCOME TO PROF. BHASKARANAND

At a specially arranged and well attended public meeting of the citizens of Bombay at the Madhav Baug on Sunday the 16th instant, Prof. Pandit Bhaskaranandji who returned recently from America after preaching the Vedic Religion for nearly 10 years, was presented with a welcome address jointly by the Fort Arya Samaj, the Gopilal Arya Samaj the Santa Cruz Arya Samaj, the Bombay Arya Parishad, etc. The Hon. Raja Govindlal Pitti was in the Chair. Those on the dais included the following prominent persons: Seth Shoorji Vallabhdas, Pandit Bhattacharya, Snatak Ramchandra, Seth Goel, Swami Brahmanand Saraswati, Pandit Mahendra and Messrs. Nanabhai and Pratapsinh.

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HARIJAN PRIMARIES ON JANUARY 3

The Primary elections to elect four Harijan candidates for each seat reserved for Scheduled Castes (Harijans) are to be held on Thursday, January 3.

In this city there are two seats so reserved and the Congress has put up candidates for both of them.

Mr. N. S. Kajrolkar is the Congress candidate for 'E', 'F' (Byculla-Parel) Wards Constituency. Mr. S. G. Songaonkar is the candidate for the Bombay C Ward and Bombay Suburban District Constituency.

The symbol of both candidates is 'Scales'.

The number of voters enrolled in 'E', 'F' Wards Constituency is 28495.

The number of voters enrolled in G Ward is 26710 and those in the Suburbs number about 7,000.

The days available between now and January 3 are too few for approaching such a large number of voters. The Congress appeals to friends of the Congress to give voluntary help to the 'ad hoc' Committee appointed by the B.P.C.C. for these primary elections. For these two candidates as well as for the Congress the primary elections are of a vital importance. This is being said to dispel any feeling that these are of minor importance, which may be entertained by many friends of the Congress. Let them realise the importance and offer their active help quickly.

TO BOMBAY ASSEMBLY VOTERS

Mr P. R. Lele, Publicity Secretary, Congress Election Campaign Board, writes:—

The Small Causes Court will begin on Thursday 20th instant the hearing of those applications for enrolment as voters of the Assembly or Council which have been filed. Applicants will be called to the Courts. Several must have already received notices and others will receive them in batches. They have to take to the Court the evidence on which their right of enrolment is based. The following documents should be taken to the Court.

1. Ration Card and one of the following:
1. Deposit receipt and one rent receipt (latest possible).
2. Income-tax receipt.
3. Literacy Certificate.
4. Husband's rent receipt (latest possible).

CONGRESS DAL RALLY

A joint Rally of the volunteers and officers of the E, F, and G. Wards will be held to-day (Wednesday), at the Maidan, opposite Shri Ram Mill, Fergusson Road, Lower Parel. Shri S. K. Patil, General Secretary of the B. P. C. C. will inspect and address the volunteers of these wards. Volunteers are required to be present at 4-30 p.m. in uniform at the Maidan.

Defamation Case Compounded

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The defamation suit filed by Dr. V. K. Bhandarkar, Assistant Provincial Coal Controller, Government of Bombay against Mr. B. G. Horniman, Editor of the "Bombay Sentinel" was comounded in the Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court today as the parties to the suit come to an agreement, byp which the allegations against the complaint were agreed to be withdrawn by Mr. Horniman and the complainant agreed not to institute any proceedings in the civil Court.

Pranlal Entertains Dhrangadhra Ruler

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Maharaja of Dhrangadhra was entertained to a dinner by Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee at the Willingdon Sports Club to-night.

A large number of guests including the Mayor of Bombay were present. After the dinner the Maharaja Saheb was garlanded by Mr. Pranlal

No Postponement Of Matric Exam.

On representations received from the heads of some of the recognized schools requesting that the ensuing Matriculation Examination be postponed for at least a month owing to the prevalence of plague in the areas in which the schools are located, the Syndicate has decided that the date will not be postponed. The examination, therefore will commence on Tuesday March 19, and conclude on Saturday March 23, 1946.

B. E. S. T. Adjudication Hearing Today

Mr. G. G. Mehta, General Secretary, B.E.S.T. Workers' Union writes:—

The preliminary hearing in the dispute between the B.E.S.T. Co. and its employees which has been referred for adjudication to the Hon'ble Justice Chagla, will take place at 11-30 a.m. today (Wednesday) in His Lordship's Court, Room No. 40, 2nd Floor, High Court Main Building.

Messrs. Bhaishanker Kanga and Girdharlal Solicitors, will appear for the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union.

10th Indian Division Men Arrive In Bombay

BOMBAY, Dec. 18: Five hundred men of two Indian Field Companies of the Indian Engineers (Madras Sappers and Miners) were among 1,562 personnel serving with the 10th Indian Division who arrived in Bombay by the liner "Antenor".

These Indian Army Units, including transport companies workshop and postal units and Headquarters staffs, have served with the Division now in process of repatriation back to India from Italy.

Bombay Docks Explosion Compensation Claims

Parties to claims for compensation as a result of the Bombay Docks Explosion in April, 1944, should attend the Court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate in Bombay by January 25 next or at the very latest, by Feburary 1. Those who do not attend by Feburary 1 are liable to hav heir claims struck off.

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ADIVASI AGITATION TELLS

Govt. Adumbrates Plans For Improving Lot Of Aboriginal Classes

The Government of Bombay is taking special measures to improve the lot of the aboriginal classes in the Dahanu and Umbergaon talukas and Mekhada Mahal of the Thana District. These three areas are being formed into a separate revenue subdivision and the Prant Officer in charge will also be designated Aboriginals Welfare Officer and charged with special responsibility for these people.

This decision has been taken following the recent agrarian troubles in Dahanu and Umbergaon talukas.

The Prant Officer will deal with the aboriginals' tenancy problems under the Tenancy Act and will grant free legal assistance to them in criminal and other cases.

The aboriginals in these areas are generally agricultural tenants and labourers and are dependent for current credit on their landlords. In order to improve their economic condition, it is considered necessary to make them independent of their landlords. This object is to be promoted by opening more grain depots and entrusting their supervision to an extra Aval Karkun in each taluka. There are already 27 grain depots in Dahanu taluka and 10 in Umbergaon and the Government has now directed the establishment of 13 more in Dahanu taluka and 15 more in Umbergaon and has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 1,500 for each depot. It is hoped that these grain depots will, in due course, be converted into multi-purpose depots to supply the needs of the aboriginals in chillies, onions, clothing, utensils and other daily requirements.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

By J. C. Maitra.

With the speedy approach of the Annual Cricket festival, Bombay's fans have already started speculating on its prospects. The other day Abu Jasdenwalla, President of the Islam Gymkhana, threw a bombshell on the unsuspecting people that the Muslims may withdraw from the competition altogether owing to the spread of communal feelings among players and spectators. Abu and the Islam Gymkhana will deserve the eternal gratitude of the nation if they decide to stay out of this communal 'tamasha' for ever. The Muslims are the reigning champions. Their withdrawal is sure to act as a severe blow to the tournament. It may mean the ultimate abandonment of the show. I am eagerly looking forward to the day when the Islam Gymkhana will announce its final decision.

HINDU GYMKHANA'S STAND

Meanwhile the Hindu Gymkhana which is steeped with the virus of this communal carnival, has gone ahead with its preparation for the competition. Mahatma Gandhi's dictum that he hates communalism in every sphere of life and activity—and more so in sport—does not seem to have created any deep impression either on those who rule this institution or its players and members at large. Their selectors have just announced the names of the players who would represent the Hindus against the Europeans in the second match of the Tournament which will be played on January 12,13 and 14. Why they were in such a hurry, heaven alone knows!

THREE STALWARTS OUT!

It goes without saying Vijay Merchant will lead the Hindu Brigade again—despite his strong aversion for communal sport! The notable omissions in the list are, however, L. Amarnath, C. S. Nayudu and C. T. Sarwate. It is obvious that these players have at last bowed down to the wishes of their patrons, the Maharajas of Patiala and Indore. Need I say that the absence of these three stalwarts will affect the Hindu team beyond measure? The combination which has been put forward will lack the brilliance of its batting and deadliness of its bowling There is no doubt that the absence of Amarnath contributed a good deal to the defeat of the Hindus last year. Now the addition of C. S. and Sarwate in the list of election is sure to spell disaster for them.

THE MARATHON RACE

Ganpat A. Savekar of the G. I. P. Railway carried the distinction of winning the Marathon Race conducted by the B.P.O.H. for the second year in succession. He covered the distance of 26 miles, 385 yards in 3 hours, 16 minutes, 11.2 seconds—actually, 4 minutes behind his last year's timing. Ganpat has two serious challengers from the Porbander State in Jadav Raja and Laxman Masry, but he was able to outbid the former by 2 minutes and 41 seconds and the latter by more than 12 minutes.

Is it necessary for me to point out the above timing is far behind the world record—or even the Indian record? It is quite possible that it may be slightly improved by holding the race at a later hour than early morning. But so long as our athletes lack adequate strength, stamina and vitality, our hopes for beating the world record are a pure Moonshine.

DOCKYARD'S RISE IN HOCKEY LEAGUE

In the senior division of the Bombay Hockey League, H.M.I. Dockyard forced its way to the highest rung of the ladder by defeating the G. I. P. Railway Headquarters 'A' by the odd goal in three. Had the Railwaymen played their usual game right from the beginning they might have pulled the chestnuts out of the fire. Actually they danced to the tune set by their opponents. Only when they realised their mistake, they reverted. But by that time their rivals had forged ahead by two goals. The inclusion of Maxie Vaz of the Lusitanians has strengthened the Dockyard defence a good deal. The Railway on the other hand, has requisitioned services of Mahmud, the brilliant Y.M.C.A. centre-forward. He is sure to make his presence felt in the near future.

STRUGGLE TO CONTINUE

By now the B. B. and C. I. Railway has risen to the second position in the table. They have however an advantage over the leaders in that they have not lost a single point as yet. They are occupying a lower rank only because they have played one game less than the Dockyard who are just a point ahead. Although these two teams hold a more favourable position than the Lusies and the G. I. P. one can never tell when the tables will be turned against one of the other. In any case the struggle for the Championship is likely to continue unabated till the end. It must have been a happy sign for Treasurer Rao to see the stand paked on Sunday last when the two top teams met.

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ZONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Appeal For Co-operation With Cricket Club Of India

MADRAS, Dec. 17. (API): Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, Honorary Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India has sent the following circular to all associations affiliated to the Board of Control for cricket in India:

The Cricket Club of India are conducting the Zonal Cricket tournament from 16th February to 26th February 1946. The Board requests all associations to co-operate with the Cricket Club of India in the successful staging of the tournament.

All associations are requested to finish their Zone finals before the end of January 1946. Semi-finals will be played from 8th March onwards, and the final will be played from 22nd March onwards.

Associations staging festival and charity matches are requested to stage their matches without disturbing the dates for Ranji Trophy matches by selecting players who are available only.

The Board once again requests all associations to make this tournament a great success by their whole hearted co-operation and support.

Inside A Sea-Monster

By G. N. ACHARYA
("Chronicle" Staff Reporter)

I have just made an excursion into the deepmost bowels of a fire spouting Leviathan of the sea. Accompanied by a party of my professional colleagues, I sped along winding corridors, clambered up steep stairs and down steeper ones and gazed in awe and wonderment at the huge and terrible armament of a battleship.

The battleship concerned is H.M.S. "Howe". Built at a cost of £25,000,000, with an overall length of 745 feet and a beam of 103 feet, with a displacement of well over 35,000 tons "Howe" is one of the British Navy's latest battleships. It is one of four vessels of the famous King George V class, the same to which the long-remembered "Prince of Wales" belonged—the same that went down to the Japanese off the Straits of Singapore on a December afternoon four years ago.

But "Howe" has been lucky, very lucky. Although ever since she was commissioned three and a half years ago, she has served with the Home Fleet and in the Mediterranean and the fever-stricken Pacific and although she has had many thrilling encounters, she has escaped unscathed, except that she suffered some damage requiring refitting in 1944.

HER MOST THRILLING HOUR

Her men have many stories to tell. Lt. David Huntingford who was in charge of the press party was full of them. But the most thrilling of them all was an encounter with a bunch of Japanese Kamikaze planes off some obscure islands in the Pacific. And that, of all days in the calendar, was on V. E. Day! The men had an extra allowance of rum and were settling down to celebrate when the call of battle came. The guns let go and blazed away and drove the intruders off. One proved a near miss as it glided out of the sky hardly 15 feet above deck and fell to its doom in the sea.

But the war is over now. Its crew of 1,800 and an extra 400 demobbed passengers dreaming of sweet home, are due to sail on Wednesday. Admiral Sir Arthur John Power, C.-in-C. of the British East Indies Fleet who is abroad, is going home too to take up the job of the Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty. As our launch approached, the vessel 105 feet high from top to bottom riding on a calm sea under a pleasantly warm December sun, we could see bunches of men clustering aft stripped to their waist. Presently, we saw hanging on a rack an assertment of colourful gowns and other pieces of female attire! The explanation was simple. There was an E.N.S.A. party on board, and as we went our round we could hear the men roaring with laughter at some gag or crack of the entertainers.

NOT ENOUGH OF WATER!

Captain H. W. U. McCall welcomed the Press party aboard. This was the biggest ship that had ever touched Bombay, he said. "You know, we are a mile away. We cannot come nearer to Bombay because there is not enough water!"

Our round of the ship lasted just 45 minutes. If we had spent as many days aboard we might have had some faint grasp of the complex mechanism of a modern dreadnought. 'Howe's' main armament consists of 10 improved-pattern 14-inch guns arranged in two quadruple and one twin turret, each gun firing a projectile weighing three-quarters of a ton and possessing a greater effective range than any big guns previously mounted. For closer ranges and anti-aircraft defence 'Howe' carries sixteen 5.25-inch guns and an impressive array of multiple pom-poms, Oerlikons and Bofors and lighter weapons They were sticking out of her everywhere like thorns on a prickly pear! I wondered what the noise would be like if all of them were let go at the same time!

SAMPLE OF MODERN WAR

We went into the turrets, climbed over the towers and listened in understanding wonder at the explanations given on the working of its guns, boilers, turbines and its many devices of alarum and action. Standing inside her closed quadruple gun turret we were told how the four guns worked with exact precision loading two shells with cordite sandwiched between them. Each time they let go three-quarters of a ton of burning projectiles would blast everything that came its way within a range of two or three miles. And they could do this once every 20 seconds!

But the strangest part of it is that the gunners and the other men who would be inside the turret, 103 of them in all, would be completely unaware of what might be happening outside, except for such information as their comrades above found it possible to shout down into the speaking tubes. Strange are the ways of modern war!

GOVERNOR VISITS H.M.S. "HOWE"

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Colville lunched with Admiral Sir Arthur Power in H.M.S. "Howe" on Tuesday.

NEW ARCTIC DIPLOMACY?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (APA). The United States and Canada are co-operating on joint defence measures against any future attack, particularly across Arctic regions, Allied diplomatic officials disclosed today.

As one step, the United States has assigned six observers to accompany the exercise "musk-ox," a Canadian army and air force expedition, which will make a 3,100-mile trip through the Arctic early next year to gather information on possible military operations in that region.

As another step, the American-Canadian Board on Defence is now meeting every two months instead of every three months as during the war.

American officials also are supporting the Arctic Institute at Acquill University, Montreal, which is studying problems of existence in the Arctic.

ARRESTED INDIANS IN MALAYA

Delhi Intervention Moves Military Administration

SINGAPORE Dec. 18. (A.P.I.): As a result of the intervention of the Government of India on behalf of Indians arrested in Malaya, British military administration policy towards Indians has undergone a change says Mr. A. D. Mani, editor of the "Hitvada" after his tour of the Penang Province, Wellesley Kuala Lumpur and the interior of Malaya.

Mr. Mani says that Indians all over Malaya, particularly those who took part in the nationalist movement are subjected to interrogation and surveillance and free movement is hampered by an order of the British military administration. Railway travel is also dependent on a permit from the administration.

Great need at the moment, says Mr. Mani is financial relief for Indians of all classes, who have been reduced to destitution and the amount of Rs. 50,000 allotted by the Government of India for relief is considered inadequate.

It is not certain whether Indian Lawyers coming for defence will be permitted to appear as there is a rule that for practice a lawyer must first prove six years stay in Malaya.

The decision of the Government of India to send a non-official delegation to Malaya is welcomed here.

LADY PASSENGER HOLDS POLICEMAN AT BAY!

Story Of Knife Attack In Running Train

(From Our Correspondent)
ALLAHABAD, Dec. 18.

A report from Sharanpur States that Zubersingh, police constable has been sentenced to five years' R. I. by Assistant Sessions Judge.

The accused committed an amazing crime in the running Punjab Express on Jan. 24, when Mrs. Yogeswari Devi wife of Balvir Singh Tyagi, Principal Government Technical Institute Jhansi was travelling from Barriely to Saharanpur in lady's compartment. By the time the train reached Rorkee station all other ladies had got down and Mrs. Yogeswari Devi was left alone in the compartment. When the train was in motion the accused entered the compartment through the window and inspite of her remonstrances sat near her. Yogeswari Devi asked him to occupy another seat. Thereupon the accused took out a big knife from his pocket and attacked the lady. She caught hold of the knife with both her hands and during the struggle which ensued she received no less than 78 injuries all over the body but she did not release the grip. As the signal was not given at the next station for the train to pass it stopped awhile at a distant signal and the constable immediately jumped out of the window and the lady also followed him through the window but hardly had she gone a few steps, when she swooned owing to injuries. The train left for Saharanpur and no one noticed her lying as it was dark. Goods train later was passing over the line. Dhlansingh the guard of this goods train picked her up. Next morning the lady recovered consciousness.

A telegram was sent to her husband who arrived at Rorkee and lodged a complaint to the police.

The constable was identified by Yogeswari Devi.

PREFERENTIAL HEIR TO HINDU WIDOW

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kania)

Ramchandra Y. Shedge & Another ..... Plaintiffs

v.

Bai Laxmibai, widow, & Another ..... Defendants

An important question of Succession to a Hindu widow arose on this Originating Summons taken out by the plaintiffs for construction of a Deed of Settlement made by one Tukaram Chaudhari on 13th February, 1918, of which they are the present trustees. By that Deed the settler had settled a certain immovable property in trust to pay the income to himself for life, then to his wife Jijabai for life, and then in trust absolutely for the right heirs of the settler. The settler having died childless Jijabai adopted Narayan, son of the settler's brother as a son to her deceased husband.

The first defendant who was Narayan's widow claimed as preferential heir under the Deed of Settlement, while the second defendant who was a son of a brother of the settler claimed that he was entitled to the trust property.

His Lordship held that under the settlement, on the death of settler without issue, Jijabai as his right heir became absolutely entitled to the trust property. The property having ceased to be the property of Tukaram the adoption could not affect it and the question was as to who was Jijabai's heir. His Lordship held that under ordinary Hindu law, the son of the brother and not the adopted son's widow was a preferential heir to Jijabai and that this had not been changed by the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act of 1937 which was applicable only to the estate of a male and not a female.

Mr. V. K. Chhatrapati instructed by Messrs. Benjamin Chhatrapati & Co. appeared for the plaintiffs. Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. R. J. Joshi instructed by Messrs. Joshi & Co appeared for the first defendant. Mr. M. V. Desai instructed by Messrs Majmudar & Dalal appeared for the second defendant.

Bombay Corporation: no further meeting this month. The January monthly meeting will be held on January. 7.

India Watches Java

British Troops Disgusted With Reprisal Orders

LONDON, Dec. 18. (Reuter). Calling for "negotiations instead of reprisals" the Communist "Daily Worker" says today: "Nazi Destruction of the village of Lidice in Czechoslovakia horrified the Democratic world.

During the last week, three villages in Java have been destroyed by British troops, acting under orders to institute reprisals. These terrible events are recorded in the British press; but, with certain noteworthy exceptions, without shame and without protest.

Java is a far off land and it is but little known to the British public. But indignation is beginning to mount, and in their letters home our soldiers are expressing their disgust and indignation at the foul work they have been ordered to carry out."

The paper adds: "This is the answer of the White imperialist to the cry of the colonial slave for freedom and independence.

It cannot go on. To tolerate colonial oppression is to foster the very evils against which the British people fought so long and bloodily.

The murder in Java must end.

Let negotiations replace reprisals and democratic principles totalitarian methods. India watches Java and recoils in horror from the scene.

What Britain is doing in Java may well set the whole world against her."

FIFTH ATTEMPT TO REACH EVEREST

Br. Mountaineer Plans To Reach Summit Early In 1947

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter): The fifth attempt to attain the unconquered summit of Mount Everest, is to be made by the 38-year-old British mountaineer, Eric Shipton, according to a report in to-day's "News Chronicle".

"He will lead the smallest expedition ever formed to assail the world's highest mountain. Six men, all experienced climbers, will take part and plans are now being prepared to launch an attack early in 1947.

The plan for the six-man expedition is thought by Shipton to be a good one, I was told last night, says the reporter. "He plans to travel light, cutting everything down to the barest necessities. Members of the Alpine Club will meet to make suggestions for organisation of the attempt."

Among the equipment to be carried by the party will be light-weight stretchers, developed during the war and nylon ropes similar to those used to tow gliders.

Eric Shipton once climbed 28,000 feet up the Mount Everest and among the thrilling stories of his experiences is his report of footprints of the 'Abominable Snowman'—huge footprints which he followed across the snow the "News Chronicle" report says.

GRUDGING SENATE SUPPORT TO U.N.R.R.A.

WASHINGTON Dec. 18. (A.P.A.): The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration had the authority from Congress to get another dol. 1,350,000,000 from the United States Treasury today, together with a warning that this would be the last.

Caustic and unhappy senators completed Congressional action on the authorisation measure to bring the total United States assignment of funds for war victims to dol. 2,700,000,000.

Two of the Senate leaders who worked to win American participation in this and other United Nations programmes Arthur Vandenberg and Tom Connally conceded that if they had it to do over again they would act differently.

FIRST TIME IN S. AFRICAN HISTORY

Has Two Submarines To Sell

DURBAN, Dec. 18. (Reuter): By Air Mail: For the first time in history of South Africa has two sumbarines to sell. The vessels are the "Otus", former British craft, and the P-552, originally American but handed over to Britain during the war. Both are lying at Durban where they have been for more than two years, and the war supplies disposal board is now calling for tenders for the purchase of these two unseaworthy vessels.

Italian Pro-Fascist Editor Escapes

MILAN, Dec. 18. (Reuter): (By Air Mail): Telesio Interlandi, pro-Fascist Editor of the former newspaper "Tevere", has escaped from the concentration camp at Canton Mombellom.

Interlandi, who was arrested with his son last September, while living under an assumed name, managed to effect his escape through a muddle at the camp.

The order for the release of his son had been authorised but the boy was in hospital and thinking that the release applied to the father one of the officers allowed the former Fascist to walk out of the camp.

NEED FOR INDIAN TRADE DELEGATION TO MALAYA

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

PENANG (Malaya), Nov. 27.

Main topic of discussion among Penang Indian residents is the "hurricane" visit of the new Indian representative to Malaya, Mr. S. K. Chettur whose stay in this island was limited to 16 hours (including one night) during which time, in his own words, "he had to find out all about Penang and its particular needs".

Frankly, his visit has caused great disappointment. Five vernacular editorials have all expressed regret and disappointment that his visit should have been so short and, from their point of view "unsatisfactory"; and that about sums up the general verdict of Penang Indians.

At a tea party given to him by the President and committee members of the Penang Hindu Sabbha Mr. Chettur explained he had come out on a two-week visit to Malaya to find out the economic condition of the Indian people after three and a half years of Japanese occupation, the condition of Indian labour on the various estates and the fate of those Indians who had been taken away to build the infamous Bangkok-Moulmein Railway. The present living conditions of the families of those forcibly taken away to Siam and arrangements being made for welfare had also to be inquired into.

In Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Chettur said, he had been asked what steps were being taken for those Indians who wished to return to India. His reply was, in this matter, the question of shipping space had first to be considered. Then again, priority would be given to women and children and those in a poor state of health.

Mr. Chettur said he had visited welfare centres and the homes of Indian labourers on various estates and he had found conditions distressing the majority suffering from ulcers and skin diseases caused by malnutrition through subsisting on tapioca. Some were bed-ridden as a result of beri beri.

The BMA, Mr. Chettur revealed, had provided a certain amount of food and clothing for the inmates of these centres and medical supplies were being made available for them. At a certain centre in Ipoh most of the inmates needed immediate removal to hospital.

At present there was still a shortage of medical supplies and medical personnel but he promised he would do all he could to speed up such supplies to Malaya from India. Mr. Chettur added he had also made available for Indian middle classes needing relief a sum of dol. 3,000 from the Government of India to an Indian Association at Ipoh.

DEFENCE OF ARRESTED INDIANS.

Another of his major assignments, Mr. Chettur said, was to inquire what steps were being taken by those Indians who were arrested for alleged collaboration with the Japanese for their defence by Counsel. It was however, not his duty, Mr. Chettur added, to listen to what each detained man had to say for his defence. Those arrested men who were not in a position to have the services of counsel would have Counsel provided for them.

Mr. Chettur went on to explain that Indians in other words would be given a fair trial, beginning first with a preliminary enquiry in the lower courts and if a 'prima facie' case was made out against them, they would then be tried by a Superior Court set up for the purpose. As both trials they would have the benefit of defence Counsel and bail might be given.

A MALACCA PROBLEM

In the course of his visit to Malacca Mr. Chettur was informed that Indians in Government service were being suspended after being called up to serve on the re-occupation of Malacca. Mr. Chettur said it was the first time he had heard about it and it seemed to be peculiar to Malacca alone. He promised to look into this matter on receiving full particulars from the persons concerned.

At Malacca, too, when informed of the existing state of affairs regarding Indian businessmen, who felt they were not shown sufficient consideration by the authorities, Mr. Chettur urged Indians to get together a little more, make a united effort, and see the officials concerned again.

INCREASED TRADE WITH INDIA.

Coming back to general affairs and particularly post-war trade, it is realised that a huge expansion of trade must take place between India and Malaya. Indian goods will largely have to take the place of Japanese imports. Cheap Japanese silks and other textiles which "Bombay merchant" firms in Penang imported in large quantities before the war will have to be replaced by Indian fabrics.

For that reason the future is likely to see an increasing number of Indian merchant firms opening up in Malaya and to meet the expanding trade, the establishment of more Indian banks, with big paid up capitals, is necessary. Penang Indian merchants feel that the two Indian banks operating here—the Indian Bank, Ltd., and the Overseas Indian Bank, Ltd.,—are too limited in their operations and that one, at least, is a purely communal institute financing only the Chettiars.

Indians in Mala feel that a trade delegation should be sent by India to Malaya to study future Malayan requirements. Apart from jute, twine and gunnies from Calcutta and piecegoods from Bombay India is probably in a position to supply Malaya with many necessities such as rubber tapping, knives and utensils besides agricultural and farming implements. Indian shipping companies, operating Indian-built ships and a regular airline service are also requirements envisaged for the near future.

Sardar Contradicts Press Reports

Says Working Committee Did Not Discuss About Dr. Khare's Entry Into Congress

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 17. (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who passed through Jubbulpore yesterday on his way to Bombay from Calcutta, in a press interview contradicted the reports appearing in some newspapers that the Congress Working Committee at its Calcutta session discussed with anybody the question of Dr. Khare and Mr. T. J. Kedar standing on Congress ticket to the C. P. Assembly.

He said that the Working Committee neither met any of them nor came to any understanding with them on their joining the Congress. He added that Congress membership was open to all and if Dr. Khare or anybody else wanted to join the Congress they could easily do so by paying the four anna membership fee and taking the Congress pledge.

Sardar Patel was accorded a reception on his arrival at the Jubbulpore station where a large crowd had gathered to greet him.

In a short speech he exhorted them to become disciplined members of the Congress and secure cent per cent success for the Congress at the forthcoming Provincial Assembly elections.

Wavell Invites Mavlankar

SURAT, Dec. 18 (API): Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, former Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, who has been returned uncontested to the Central Assembly from Gujarat, has been invited by the Viceroy to meet His Excellency during the latter's proposed visit to Ahmedabad in the first week of January, it is reliably learnt here.

Mr. Mavlankar, who is leaving for Bangalore during this week will return to Ahmedabad by January 4.

Ghaffar Khan In Benares

BENARES, Dec. 17. (A.P.I.): Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan accompanied by Mr. Kheda of Peshawar arrived here this evening from Calcutta. He travelled by car from Calcutta to Peshawar, a distance of one thousand five hundred miles.

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HIGH-LIGHTS OF ART SOCIETY OF INDIA'S EXHIBITION

The Art Society of India's annual exhibition at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, which concludes today, is well worth a visit as it has brought on the screens several paintings of a fine quality. The arrangement of the exhibits in groups—according to the individual artists is quite good; but it should be studied again by the Society and improved next year.

Mr. N. S. Bendre is conspicuous by his set of paintings and deserves the Society's Silver Shield awarded to him for his impressive composition "A.I.C.C. Gate" (114). The oil painting contributed by Mr. M. B Dalal are of a high order. They do not fail to arrest the attention of the observer. Mr. B. Sanyal's three exhibits 129, 130 and 132 are charming. Additional material of interest is furnished by the group of paintings by Messrs. R. C. Dhage, D. B. Anand and Markand Bhatt.

Though the paintings in the Indian style need more weight, they present a few beautiful examples like "Dan Leela" (85) by Mr. Bhanu Smart, and "Mahayana" (242), "Ras Leela" (244) and "Dan Leela" (245) by Keshav Duvadi. A few others which deserve notice are Mr. L. A. Pai's "Krishna Leela" (183), Mrs. Yeshvanti Kothare's "Tulsi Wedding" (142) and Miss Kamala Pai's "Soldier's Farewell" (21).

Water colours in the Western style dominate the show. One is delighted to find among them several fascinating landscapes. The artists to whose credit stands fine works done in water colour are Messrs. M. J. Diwadkar S M. Razu, R. G. Nophade Nagesh Yawalkar, S. V. Waghulikar. S L. Haldankar and Manohar Joshi. The winner of the Society's Travelling Scholarship is Mr. Nophade. Mr V. P. Karmarkar's "Bombay Cold" and Mr. D. B Jog's "Flower Seller" are outstanding among the few sculptures.

D. G. V.

PROSECUTION CASE IN THIRD I.N.A. TRIAL

Three Killed In Shootings At Kranji Camp

RED FORT, Delhi, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.)—At the third I.N.A. Court Martial trying Subedar Shingara Singh and Jemadar Fateh Khan today Mr. Cardon Noad, Counsel for the Prosecution, opened the case for the Crown. In respect of the charge of waging war against the King contrary to Section 121 of I.P.C., Mr. Noad said that prosecution considered any argument based on International Law to be void and irrelevant.

The case for Prosecution was that accused Shingara Singh was the commandant of a concentration camp which was, Mr. Noad said, in fact a torture camp established for the express purpose of torturing those who refused to join the I.N.A. Jem Fateh Khan was his lieutenant and helper in all that happened. "It will be proved", counsel said, "not only that they themselves personally ordered, but took a personal part in the brutalities that were inflicted upon helpless and unarmed men who had been their fellow soldiers in the army. It is the prosecution case that the blows, the over-work, the starvation and thirst and the indignities suffered by the unfortunate prisoners were the direct work and responsibility of the two accused and for which they are punishable under the Criminal Law."

There were eight charges against the accused. The first three did not relate to events which took place actually in the torture camp at Bidadari, but they arose directly from the activities of the two accused as commandant and second in command of the camp.

THREE CHARGES

The three charges of murder arose as follows: The two accused were not only in charge of the camp maintained for breaking the spirit of recalcitrant POWs, but it appeared also to have been their duty to collect from the various ordinary camps those prisoners who had been marked down for "treatment" at the concentration camp. Mr. Noad went on to say that in August, 1942, a large number of men belonging to various units of the 22nd Mountain Regiment were sent to Kranji Camp. The Muslims in the regiment refused to volunteer for the I.N.A. and it was decided to select them for treatment at the camp.

On August 23, 1942 Mr. Noad said, accused Fateh Khan came to Kranji Camp with a list of one V.C.O. and 11 N.C.O.'s who were to go to Bidadari. The men refused to go and Fateh Khan left breathing threats as to what would happen the next day. Before he left he found one of the 12 persons whom he had come to collect was dangerously ill in hospital and could make no resistance. The accused took him away. The following day both the accused came to Kranji Camp with a guard of 15 to 20 Sikhs armed with rifles and fixed bayonets. The two accused themselves carried revolvers. The men of the 22nd Mountain Regiment and others whom the accused had come to fetch again firmly but quietly refused to go to the concentration camp. The two accused, thereupon, drew their revolvers and started firing indiscriminately at the men and others of the R.I.A.S.C. who happened to be there but had no concern with the proceedings there.

THREE KILLED

The Sikh Guard, Mr. Noad said, opened indiscriminate fire with rifles and advanced upon the unarmed prisoners of war some of whom, in defence of their lives attacked the armed guard with their "chappals" and wood pieces picked up in the camp. The two accused with their armed guard retired, still firing as they went, mounted their lorry and left Kranji Camp. After the firing, it was found that three men were dead namely, Lance Naik Mohommed Alam, Driver Alla Ditta and Said Zaman Alias Bamboo of the R.I.A.S.C. and in addition a large number of men were found to have been wounded by the firing, some of whom were permanently maimed.

Later the same day, August 24, a force was brought to Kranji Camp under a Japanese officer and the responsible for the refusal of these leaders were removed to the concentration camp, together with officers who were considered to have been responsible for the refusal of these men to go. On the next day, 320 men of the 22nd Mountain Regiment were also taken to the concentration camp. Here sustained beating and torture was applied to the original 11 men and others considered responsible, some of whom were tried by a so-called court martial and condemned to death. Their sentences were subsequently remitted.

"CLEAR MURDER"

"It is the prosecution case", Mr. Noad said, "that in the above circumstances both the accused are guilty of murder on the first three charges framed against them. The case is (1) that the accused, as members of an unlawful organisation for waging war against the King, were not justified in giving orders to the men at Kranji Camp in using force when they were obeyed; (2) that the order to the selected men to proceed to a camp where they would be tortured and forced to commit the crime of joining the I.N.A. was an unlawful order and contrary to the laws of war; and (3) that, in any event, there was no possible reason or excuse for opening fire upon unarmed men, who did not threaten violence, but merely refused to obey an order. Death caused under these circumstances is clearly murder.

Counsel cited a further occurrence when on September 24, 1942 Gurkha P.O.W. were ordered to assemble to listen to a lecture by an I.N.A. officer. After the lecture the men refused to join the I.N.A. Some of them were dragged and beaten and a Lance Naik Kuhk Bahadur was beaten till he fell unconscious. The battalion rose to its feet and protested whereupon the guards were ordered to fire. A number of men were wounded. At this scene Jem. Fateh Khan was present and ordered the guard to fire on the Gurkhas but not in the air. Sub-Shingara Singh advised after the firing was opened.

"The evidence which will be led in this case", Mr. Noad said "will include the evidence of a large number of men who were actually tortured and injured by or under the orders of the two accused, also of men who were present and in some cases themselves wounded in the two instances where fire was opened upon unarmed prisoners of war."

Earlier in his address Mr. Noad said that it was fortunate that in the present case intricate questions of International Law would probably be considered out of place, because the offences with which the two accused were charged, other than the sixth charge (waging war against the King), were of such a nature that if the accused were not British subjects but if they were, for instance, Germans or Japanese, they could and would be tried as common war criminals for offences against the laws of war and of humanity.

FIRST PROSECUTION WITNESS

Capt. K. P. Dhargalkar, a Sandhurst-Commissioned Officer, was the first Prosecution witness. Capt. Dhargalkar who was himself in the concentration camp for sometime deposed that he saw Jem Fateh Khan beating several Indian POWs in the camp. Often the accused used to ask a sweeper in the camp, Nimboo, to beat P.O.Ws. During nights he had heard men moaning and groaning. He had seen in the camp men practically without clothes exposed to sun and rain. Witness himself was not treated as an officer and was made to salute I.N.A. sepoys. He was humiliated and was not given an orderly.

After the examination in chief of the witness, Counsel for Defence Mr. Tawakley renewed his submission for a four weeks' adjournment of the trial to enable the Defence to complete interviews with witnesses.

Counsel for Prosecution opposed the application on the ground the the Prosecution would first lead evidence in respect of the incident in the concentration camp and in regard to Kranji Camp witness would be called after Christmas holidays. There would be time for the Defence to complete interviews with Defence witness during the interval.

The Prosecutor said that the Defence had cited 84 witnesses of whom 33 were military witnesses present in Delhi. Twenty-eight of them had been interviewed. Thirty-three witnesses were outside Delhi and efforts were being made to make them available.

The Court adjourned to consider the application for adjournment.

COURT ADJOURNED

Assembling after lunch the Judge Advocate announced that the Court had granted adjournment till December 27. If at a later stage in the interests of justice, any prosecution witness had to be recalled for examination the Court would agree.

The Court then adjourned to meet on December 27.

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CAPT. LAKSHMI TO BE REPATRIATED TO INDIA

RANGOON, Dec. 18. (A.P.I.): Captain Lakshmi Swaminathan, former commander of the "Rani of Jhansi" regiment of the Indian National Army whose movements are restricted to Kalaw in Southern Shan States will be repatriated to India, shortly, it is learned to-day.

Capt. Lakshmi is the daughter of Mrs. Amu Swaminathan who was elected as Congress member to Central Legislative Assembly from Madras City.

Ninety-five per cent of about one thousand I. N. A. prisoners in Burma who are of Indian domicile will also be repatriated at an early date. It is further learned that practically all Indian prisoners in Burma were civilians and very few, if any belonged to His Majesty's Forces before the war.

STUPID TO POISON INDIAN PSYCHOLOGY

Fenner Brockway Pleads For Release Of I. N. A. Men

LONDON, Dec. 18 (U.P.I.)—"It is politically stupid as well as unjust to poison the psychology of India at this time by persisting with these trials", declared Mr. Fenner Brockway, Political Secretary, Independent Labour Party, to the "United Press of India" commenting on the letter to the Press written by a number of prominent Labour M.P.'s including Mr. William Dobbie, Mr. W G. Cove, Wing-Commander Millington and Mr. S. O. Davies, which has created a very favourable impression in Indian political circles here.

Mr. Brockway added: "Needless to say, I fully support the M.P.'s demand for withdrawal of cases against the Indian National Army men. The Under Secretary of State for India, Mr. Arthur Henderson, assured the recent Swaraj House deputation that only those men will be tried who are charged with violence against fellow Indians. But in the New Delhi trial, the first charge is that of 'waging war against the King.' It is that charge which is in the minds of Indians and is not surprising that they are not satisfied with the assurance given by Mr. Henderson."

The famous Indian economist and publicist Dr N. Gangulee, who led the Swaraj House deputation to Mr. Henderson welcomed the initiative taken by the Labour M.P.'s in asking for suspension of the Red Fort trials and said: "This demand is fully in conformity with the position taken up by our deputation and I am glad that Labour M.P.'s are taking a realistic view of the matter. Withdrawal of these trials would go a considerable way in restoring Indian belief in British Labour's sincerity."

Mr. Surat Ali, Indian Seamen's leader, declared: "I sincerely trust that this letter will make the British Government realise the folly of continuing these trials which everyone in India knows to be political in intent. As far as Indians are concerned, they have nothing but the greatest admiration for the courage and patriotism of the men who are being tried."

Frozen Foreign Cloth To Be Released

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18.

According to information, foreign cloth valued at about 20 lakhs of rupees which has been frozen in some adjoining ports will be released here and in Bombay in due course. The stock belongs to foreign firms of Bombay who had got their goods under pre-war bargains. These firms have made bargain with some local merchants.

E.N.S.A. SHOW

REVIEWED By SARDI

In presenting its present programme of Bobbie Hind and the Forces Radio Band, E.N.S.A. seems to be living up to its unfortunate reputation of putting on, with rare exceptions, entirely indifferent shows.

The current show, at the Excelsior, seems to have been got up in the erstwhile and wholly mistaken belief that army personnel revel in entertainment of an entirely low-brow nature. Even the popularity, with the troops, of Gielgud's "Hamlet" and Edith Evans's "Christopher Sean", does not seem to have proved to E. N. S. A. the fallacy of its misconceived notion.

Bobbie Hind and the Forces Radio Band have selected, for the greater

Charming Patricia Burgess—one of the bright spots of the current E. N. S. A. show. Versatality is Patricia's middle name. During her career, she has played in pantomime, farce and drama at different times. Cindrella, the principal girl in Jimmy O'Dea's pantomime, "Jimmy and the Leprechaun", a comedy role in "While Parents Sleep", Petrova in a Carl Clopet production of "Escape Me Never", Jackie Coryton in Coward's "Hay Fever", and Jullie Tallent in Max Catto's thriller "They Walk Alone" are varying roles in which she has given sparkling performances.

Will E.N.S.A. recognize this little trouper's undoubted talents and give her a lucky break? She certainly deserves it.

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part, light tunes such as "Begin the Beguine' and "Night and Day," which, owing to their inability to stand the test of time, may safely be described as being entirely outdated. Moreover, Bobbie Hind seems to be an adept at making the band "swing it" to the limit—sometimes to the point of producing an unbearable uproar. Hind himself is a quiet, retiring man, absolutely lacking in stage presence.

As to the decor, whoever has selected the back curtain of vivid orange and yellow bands cannot be too severely criticized. A sombre shade, such as dark blue, grey or even black, would, in my estimation, have been infinitely preferable. To make matters worse, on the first night, a bright dressing room light kept shining through the back curtain at the right-hand end as seen from the auditorium.

BRIGHT SPOTS

Fortunately, the show contains some bright spots. The first is the delightful singing of Bebe Blythe, who, alas, comes on but once. Here is a singer, with a well-trained voice, to whom it is a real joy to listen. Unfortunately, she is given but little scope to display her talent. Her rendering of "The Blue Danube" air, was a delight to the ear, but was, unfortunately, marred by constant interruptions from the band in a feeble attempt to convert a good number into a funny turn.

Another bright spot was Dennis Castle's clever little skit "The Memsaheb is Out". Equally humorous were his gags with petite and charming Patricia Burgess. This little trouper, once a dramatic actress of Dublin's Abbey Theatre, proves her amazing versatality by romping gaily and with care-free abandon, through a medley of nonsense as a pert newspaper reporter and a mind-reader. As ill-luck would have it, there was not enough of her on the programme. She is certainly deserving of more attention and better parts.

I do not normally enjoy the smutty and suggestive stories told from the stage in variety. Yet, such was the boredom of most of the turns, that Claudia Lester's spicey tales came as a pleasant and vastly amusing relief.

GENERAL OPINION

To ascertain the somewhat placid reaction of the audience to the show, I consulted several civilian members and also servicemen from a commissioned officer down to a private and a naval rating. Their answers tallied with most, though not all of the points in my criticism.

Here is wishing E.N.S.A. better luck and more wisdom in future!

Distinguished Audience Sees "India Strikes"

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter): Because he was leading the Government debate in the House of Lords last night, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, was unable to be present at the premiere of the film "India Strikes" at a London theatre, but his place was taken by the Under-Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson.

A few hours before the film received its first public screening, a copy of it was shown privately to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, at his week-end home at Chequers.

The large gathering of distinguished guests in the front row of the dress circle included the High Commissioner for India Sir Samuel Runganadhan, the Minister of Information, Mr. Tom Williams, the Minister of Education, Miss Ellen Willkinson, the Permanent Staff Officer to the India Office, General Mosley Mayne, the Governor-Designate of Bengal, Sir Frederick Burroughs, the Marchioness of Willingdon, General Sir Hastings Ismay and the Fourth Sea Lord, Vice-Admiral Pallister.

The film which lasts for 35 minutes was shown with Hollywood's latest Bob Hope Bing Crosby film "Road to Utopia."

"India Strikes" was well received by a packed house which cheered a short appearance on the screen of Mahatma Gandhi and also an Indian holder of the Victoria Cross, Kamal Ram.

Members of the Indian Army, representative of the fighting races, lined the foyer as the guests entered the theatre.

"NO FREE VOTING AT ANY POLLING BOOTH"

Bengal Ex-Minister's Appeal To Governor To Order Inquiry Into "Organised Goondaism By Leaguers"

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.)—Characterising the elections to the Central Legislative Assembly from the Mohammedan constituencies in Bengal as nothing but a farce, Khan Bahadur Hashemali Khan, former Minister, Bengal, in a statement to the Press says that there was no free voting at any polling centre.

The Khan Bahadur himself was a candidate for election to the Central Legislative Assembly from the Faridpur-cum-Bakarganj Muslim constituency.

After enumerating several incidents in his constituency Khan Bahadur Hashemali Khan accused the Moslem League of organising 'goondas' and Moslem students from every school and college with definite instruction to create rowdyism and hooliganism and to obstruct and terrorise the voters and workers of the Independent Muslim candidates and they did this quite successfully at every centre."

He appeals to the Governor to have an immediate enquiry made by some responsible officer and to put a stop to this state of affairs.

CONGRESS-AKALI FRONT AGAINST PUNJAB REDS

LAHORE, Dec. 18 (UPI): A partial settlement between the Congress and the Akali Dal was reached yesterday. It is learnt on reliable authority. This agreement has been reached in respect of four seats in order to give a joint fight to the Communists in the forthcoming elections to the Punjab Assembly.

According to this settlement, in the Jullunder and Amritsar North Sikh Constituencies Akali candidates will oppose the Communists and the Congress will support the Akalis and in the Gupasore and Hossarpur constituencies, the Akalis will support the Congress.

Sardar Shohon Singh Josh and Sardar Teja Singh Swatantar, office-bearers, Punjab Provincial Communist Party and sitting members are thus going to be opposed jointly by the Congress and the Akali Dal.

100 Trucks For League Election Campaign

LAHORE, Dec. 18 (UPI): It is understood that the All-India Muslim League has purchased one hundred trucks at a cost of Rs. 4,500 each for its election campaign. These will be distributed to provinces according to its needs. The Punjab quota will be the largest.

A. R. Siddiqui For Central Assembly

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (UPI): Mr. Abdur Rahaman Siddiqui (Muslim League) was declared elected to the Central Legislative Assembly from the Calcutta and Suburbs Mohammedan Constituency by securing 4,580 votes as against 320 polled by his opponent, Mr. S. Wajed Ali (Nationalist Muslim).

Out of 7,231 votes in the constituency, 4,948 votes were polled, of which 48 votes were rejected. Mr. Wajed Ali forfeited his security deposit.

Mr. Siddiqui is a former Bengal M. L. A., and is the leader of the Muslim League Party in the Calcutta Corporation.

Mr. Wajed Ali is a retired Third Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta.

Popatlal Won't Oppose Congressman

KARACHI, Dec. 18 (UPI): Dr. Popatlal Bhoopatkar, M.L.A., a prominent Congress leader of Sind, in a statement says that he has rejected representations from friends and admirers asking him to commit a breach of Congress discipline by contesting from the Karachi North Constituency to the Sind Assembly against the Congress nominee. He says that he has been a Congressman for three decades and will die a Congressman.

Dr. Bhoopatkar, a sitting member of the Assembly, applied for Congress ticket which was not given to him. He appealed to the Central Board which also rejected the appeal.

25 Candidates For Muslim Seats From Gujarat

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.)—Twenty-five candidates have applied for the Muslim League ticket to contest elections for eight Muslim seats of the Bombay Legislative Assembly from Gujarat. There are nine candidates for one seat from the Panchmahals District, four candidates for one seat from Kaira District, three candidates for two seats from Ahmedabad city and district, five candidates for two seats from Broach District and four candidates for two seats from Surat City and District.

Wife Withdraws Candidature

LAHORE: Two Congress candidates, Mrs. Brijlal Nehru and Chaudhry Krishna Gopal Dutt are returned unopposed to the Punjab Assembly. Their scrutiny papers were found valid to day.

Mrs. Brijlal Nehru, a former President of the All-India Women's Conference, was the only person to file nomination for the Lahore City (General) Women's Constituency.

Chaudhry Krishna Gopal Dutt was plited against by his wife, Shrimati Rajkumari Dutt, who withdrew her nomination to-day seeing her husband go to the Legislature unopposed.

She said to an A.P.I. correspondent she had to withdraw because I happen to be the unlucky—the helpless woman.

In the University Constituency the nomination papers of Sir Manohar Lal, Finance Minister, and of Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, the Congress candidate, were declared in order. They are to fight a straight contest.

WALKOVER FOR SEVEN FRONTIER CONGRESSMEN

PESHAWAR, Dec. 17 (A.P.I.): According to reports received so far the following seven Congress candidates will be declared elected unopposed to the Frontier Provincial Assembly from Hindu seats:—

1. Dr. Mohal Lal Gulati (Kohat).
2. Kanwar Bhan Narang (D. I. Khan Rural General Constituency).
3. Lal Mehar Chand Khanna (Peshawar Cantt).
4. Mr. Macan Lal Advocate (Peshawar City Hindu Constituency).
5. Mr. Girdharilal (Mardan).
6. Mahashe Shiv Ram (Hazara).
7. Mr. Kohtu Ram Advocate (Bannu).

There is no truth in the news that Qazi Attaullah, Education Minister has been elected unopposed. He will be opposed by a Muslim League candidate Arabab Mohammad Sharif. Three Sikh seats will be contested by six Sikh candidates—three Congress and three Akalis.

Shafaat Ahmed Bowed To Jinnah But Too Late To Save Deposit

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (API): Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan informs that the news published in certain sections of the Press that he was defeated in the election to the Central Assembly from the Rohilkand Muslim constituency and that he forfeited his deposit, is misleading. Clarifying the position, he says, that he appealed to Mr Jinnah against the decision of the Central Parliamentary Board to nominate Mr. K. B. Ghazanfarullah as the Muslim League candidate. But the final rejection of his appeal by Mr. Jinnah, came too late to withdraw his candidature in time. Hence the forfeiture of his deposit. But he had, however, withdrawn as soon as he heard from Mr. Jinnah.

CONGRESS WORK IN MAHARASHTRA

Collections For Fund Amount To Rs. 2,60,000

POONA, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.)—About 100 prominent Congress workers from Maharashtra met yesterday at the Congress House to chalk out a detailed scheme for the cadre of full time work which the Provincial Congress Committee decided to start about six months ago. Congress workers under the scheme will devote their full time and energy to the Congress work and will carry out the official Congress programme. This body of work is not connected organisationally with the Provincial Congress Committee but its members will include all the principal Congress workers in Maharashtra such as Mr. Shanker Rao Deo and Mr. N. V. Gadgil.

The cadre is expected to serve as the "mind which will think unofficially for the official Congress organisation." Such of its workers who require financial help to carry on their work will be paid out of a fund collected by the organisation. The collections for this fund have amounted to Rs. 2,60,000.

A formal presentation of this amount was made to Mr. Shankerrao Deo, Member of the Congress Working Committee, at a meeting held at the Congress House.

VOLUNTARY COLLECTIONS

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, speaking on the occasion said that there would be a voluntary collection every year for the fund. If their work was approved by the people the necessary money would come forth in no time. Congress in Maharashtra had never been dominated by Capitalists and the peasants and middle class had shown their great faith and trust in the Congress by their substantial contributions for this fund.

Mr. Deo said that the workers under the scheme belonged to no particular group such as the Socialist or the Gandhi group. They were bound together by ties of love and loyality to the Congress. They had worked in the Congress cause for the last 25 years and they now wanted to further organise and strengthen the Congress in Maharashtra.

Mookerjee For Jamshedpur

CALCUTTA, Dec 18 (A.P.I.): Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, President All India Hindu Mahasabha, left last night for Jamshedpur for a change as advised by his doctors.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

No peace can last, or ought to last, which does not recognise and accept the principle that Governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that no right anywhere exists to hand people about from sovereignty to sovereignty as if they were property.

—Woodrow Wilson.

The Bombay Chronicle

EMPLOYERS AND PLANNING

The prospect of vast unemployment following demobilisation is so menacing that in his presidential speech at the annual general meeting of the Employer's Federation of India Sir Homi Mody had to dwell at some length on the subject with reference mainly to practical remedies to relieve the situation. He believes, with many others, in the big possibilities of sound planning, and does not deny that Government's proposals in this behalf are "on the whole in the right direction" but he fears "they may not be adequate to the needs of the situation". He also fears that in the present conditions it is not possible to transform Indian agriculture and industry so radically within a few years that the national income could be doubled. In the first place it is still doubtful whether the sterling balances due to us from Britain will be released soon enough or adequately and whether the letters of the Empire Dollar Pool will be removed soon. Secondly, many industrialists feel that it is inadvisable for them to be in a hurry to purchase capital equipment at the present inflated prices. Finally, Sir Homi does well to emphasise the point that, whatever the size of our home market and the protection that may be given to our industries, "the latest and most modern technique in production is a "sine qua non" of progress, and some price will have to be paid for it". In spite of these initial difficulties, however, there is no doubt that, if Government, businessmen and the public co-operate far-reaching development of our agricultural and industrial resources is possible in the no distant future. To this end Sir Homi suggests generally that the "taxation policy of Government will have to be immediately overhauled", but he does not say on what lines the policy needs to be over-hauled.

Planning involves wide Government control and Sir Homi fears that in many quarters there is much loose thinking and more lose talk on the subject and that "It has come to be expected that planning must mean the elimination of free enterprise; in other words that it must go hand in hand with totalitarian economy". It is doubtless a fact that and Sir Homi himself admits it, that this subject "has aroused fierce controversy". There is thus much wild thinking and talk on either side. Many, however, will agree with Sir Homi that "if State control over industry were so devised as to smother the freedom or enterprise of the individual, the seeds will have been sown not only of economic servitude but also of political bondage". So far, however, as the Congress policy is concerned its object has been stated in the recently published Election Manifesto "to plan and co-ordinate social advance in all its many fields, to prevent the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of individuals and groups, to prevent vested interests inimical to society from growing, and to have social control of the mineral resources, means of transport and the principal methods of production and distribution in land, industry and in other departments of national activity, so that Free India may develop into a Co-operative Commonwealth". To this end the Congress proposes that the State must "own or control key and basic industries and services, mineral resources, railways, waterways, shipping and other means of public transport, Currency and exchange, banking and insurance, must be regulated in the national interest". This is a fair policy which many businessmen themselves approve. Enlightened businessmen may well take the lead in the uplift of the workers, in supporting their legitimate rights, economic and political, and generally in furthering the Congress ideal of Co-operative Commonwealth.

"India Speaking"

The front line of British propaganda against India, during the war and after, runs through U. S. A. The British Ministry of Information and India Government propagandists have exploited the ignorance of Americans on matters Indian and have thrown an anti-Indian smoke-screen. Efforts of Mrs. Pandit, Lin Yutang, and Louis Fischer have exposed thoroughly the mendacious propaganda, but planned publicity and effective liaison are imperative to mobilise American good-will for furthering Indian freedom. The first step in this direction is the publication of what may be termed "India Information" series, supplying authentic background materials and factual survey to initiate the Americans into the many phases of the Indian problem and effectively counter the 'talking points' reeled off by interested parties.

It is in this light that we welcome 'India Speaking' published in America as a special number of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science and now re-published in India by Vora and Co., Edited by Sir Manilal Nanavati and Prof. C. N. Vakil, the volume contains notable contributions by eminent Indians on economic, political, cultural and social problems of Modern India. The survey is purely academic and factual, but all writers, irrespective of parties, urge the imperative need of a National Government without which India cannot come into her own. American readers are told and told effectively with incontrovertible facts and figures that a Free India is the major promise for world peace, freedom of trade and international prosperity.

One noteworthy feature of the publication is the knock-out blow it gives to the Pakistan argument raised by anti-freedom groups in foreign countries. Writing on the 'Culture of India', Sir Radhakrishnan dwells upon the mixing of cultures and mingling of races in India, working towards a larger synthesis and integration. Humayun Kabir is emphatic that partisans who boast of purity of Hindu or of Muslim culture are ignorant of Indian history and the nature of historical processes. More than the Hindu and Muslim, East and West have met in India and are labouring to understand and to be understood. Not "Two Nations", but "One World" is India's message to save humanity from splitting atoms.

Frankly Speaking

Truman's Directive To China

The comprehensive statement issued by President Truman on China is remarkable for a number of reasons. If not only lays down in unambiguous terms the policy which the United States has adopted towards China, but it reads virtually as a directive to the Chinese Government and people as to what should be their policy and programme in the future! While President Truman has re-emphasised that his Government continues to recognise Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's National Government as the only legal Government in China, he has also made it clear that it is only a one-party Government and must be broadened without delay so as to include other political elements in the country. America—as other United Nations—are vitally interested in the immediate cessation of civil strife and the establishment of a democratic Government which can claim the allegiance of all sections of the Chinese people. It is a truism that without a peaceful China there can be no peace in the East—and for that matter even in the West considering the issues at stake.

Offer Of Loan

It is significant that President Truman's statement was issued on the morrow of the Moscow talks and within a few hours of the departure of Gen. Marshall for Chungking. The new Ambassador is reported to have taken with him more specific plans about the reorganization of the Chinese Government and the national economy. Marshall's hands will be considerably strengthened by the offer of a substantial American loan, which will, however, be dependent upon China putting her house in order. Fortunately, the first response is encouraging both from Chungking and Yenan. While General Chou En-lai, the Communist leader, has returned to Chungking to resume the negotiations—which were broken two months ago with disastrous consequences—Mr. K. C. Wu, Chiang's Minister of Information, has declared that the Generalissimo is willing to form a Coalition Government. The main bone of contention seems to be the Communist Army which its leaders are not prepared to disband—for good reasons! This and other such issues should be, however, capable of reasonable adjustment and it remains to be seen whether unity is established in China in the near future. One has a shrewd suspicion, however, that that consummation will not be reached unless and until the Big Three themselves have a common outlook on post-war problems.

Harijans And Elections

Some reactionary Harijans of Madras, disconcerted at the growing popularity of Congress in their community, have suggested that Congress should not put up Harijan candidates of its own as they think that it means "interference with the freedom of choice of the Harijans in the elections". If any Harijans wish to stand as Congress candidates and other Harijans wish to vote for them at the primary elections why should these reactionaries stand in the way? It is they that interfere with the free choice of the Harijans with regard to candidature and voting. If Congress leaves Harijans alone it will only stultify itself by virtually admitting that it neither represents that community nor is prepared to help it in legislative work. Congress should rather demonstrate the fact that it enjoys the full confidence of the community.

Our Readers' Views

Medical Student's Plight

I am a final year medical student and I have failed to find out any suitable lodging. I am sleeping on the foot-path and I do not know what to do except to request you to kindly publish this letter of mine in your paper so that I may be able to get some place to stay or as a paying family member in any community. I may tell you that as I am self-supporting student, I won't be able to pay much for lodging and boarding.

DEO,
C/o Post Master, Byculla
Bombay.

Dowry System

The present day evils of the dowry system—to which social reformers and others draw attention every now and then—are, I suppose, aggravated, to no small extent, by the attitude of our college students and educated young men. They may not be in favour of this system—some would even condemn it—but when the time of their betrothal arrives—they bow down to the wishes of their elders. Marriage thus is deprived of any sanctity or decency—amongst Hindoos it is regarded as a sacrament—and becomes an act of gross materialism, not to speak about the absence of a comparatively 'free' choice, which further vitiates such a vital affair in life. One hears of educated young men guided, may be, by their elders, demanding a dowry of Rs. 25,000 and/or expenses of going to foreign lands for higher studies etc. Where is the young man worth his salt who would call this dowry business self-respecting? If these educatd young men show enough guts and refuse to marry for such material considerations, others would follow suit sooner than later. It would, therefore, be proper—the honour and dignity of our youngmen, in my opinion, demand it—if the students and youth organisations in the country would seriously take up this matter also along with other items of their practical programme. Inter-caste marriages, again, within the same community, would, in some respects, mitigate the undesirable effects of this system but it is time some one from the elected members of the Central Assembly—the evil is widespread in Bengal, Sind, Gujarat etc. and seems to be going from bad to worse—would bring in a Bill without much delay which would prohibit and provide for punishment of any giving or taking of dowry in any form. This may not eradicate the evil but it would go a long way in creating a more healthy public opinion—just as the Child Marriages Restraint Act has been doing—against this abominable curse.

MANIBHAI G. DESAI

CHIANG TO MEET MARSHALL

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter):—More than ten thousand letters of "complaint and information" have been posted to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek by civilians dissatisfied with his administration or its personnel in the North.

The Generalissimo may meet Gen. George Marshall, the new United States Ambassador to Chungking, in Shanghai.

Leaguers Demonstration At Jawahar's Meeting

SYLHET, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.): A number of Moslems carrying League flags and shouting League slogans staged a demonstration when Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru accompanied by Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, ex-Premier of Assam and others arrived to-day at Chhatak, 28 miles from here, on his whirlwind tour of Assam.

When Pt. Nehru reached the venue of the meeting which was arranged to be addressed by him about 250 Moslem Leaguers rushed to the place and began shouting League slogans. Quite unperturbed by the demonstration, Panditji addressing the meeting strongly criticised the Moslem Leaguers and the Communists for their actions. The League demonstrators resented Panditji's remarks and continued shouting ceaselessly.

DEMONSTRATORS CORDONED OFF

This created a confusion in the meeting and many of the crowd present began to run away. The armed police who had been sent there by the authorities in apprehension of trouble intervened at this stage and cordoned away the demonstrators.

Addressing the gathering later Panditji asked the audience to strengthen the Congress by joining it in large numbers and appealed the Moslems to rally under the Congress banner for the achievement of the country's freedom.

The Congress, he said, represented Hindus and Muslims alike. The Jamiat-ul-Ulema, the Ahrars and the Momins were with the Congress, and therefore, Mr. Jinnah's claim that the Congress was a Hindu organisation was baseless, he added.

Panditji left the place at 6-30 p.m. for Sunamganj.

JOBS FOR WOMEN

By Leela Jog

The war is over and the Government which once tempted and even coaxed women of India to do their bit for winning the war, now seems least enthusiastic about the future of those women who joined non-military services in their thousands and are now threatened with total unemployment.

Their only consolation so far is the great concern showed by various women's organizations in the country, but, perhaps, they have better reasons to take heart. For, no less a person than the President-elect of the All-India Women's Conference, Mrs. Hansa Mehta, is thinking of calling a conference of such women in the near future.

While discussing this important topic in all its aspects, I put a straight question to Hansa Mehta "But surely it is not enough to pass resolutions urging upon the Government and other business firms to consider the women's case?"—"No, no Certainly not," said she sympathising with my obvious impatience, "the A. I. W. C. means to do something more."

"Now, we can give secretarial and organizors jobs to these women in our branch offices but even then, it will be only possible to absorb a very small fraction of them. Besides, there will be hundreds of them who are suited for some different type of work. I, therefore, feel that it is essential to know what their needs are and for that purpose I am thinking of calling a Conference of these women after the annual session of the A.I.W.C. is over."

WOMEN AND BUSINESS

"There are so many openings for women in our country and the women who have the advantage of experience in office work should not find it difficult to work out their way. Women still have unlimited scope in medicine, nursing and teaching but it is really time they also turned to business. There are hardly any women who have taken up interior decorations or who are furniture designers while we have no class restaurants managed by women."

"But that would mean capital in the first instance, and who'll dare loan it to women?" I snapped in. "Well, that should not be a deterrent. Women in so many countries like England, America, China Russia etc. are doing well in business of this sort. We, too, can do it on co-operative basis and to a certain extent even the A.I.W.C. can also raise capital What we need most is enterprising women and a co-ordinated effort." She observed with an air of finality and so I took up the next question.

FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

"Has the A.I.W.C. approached Government in connection with scholarships for women for going abroad under the Government's training scheme? Could not some scholarships be given to women for specialization in Domestic Science, Nursing, Dietetics?" "No, the A.I.W.C. hasn't made any approach to Government so far, because at first the Government's scheme was not quite clear. But I do feel now, that it is worth while to take up the matter. Of course, women could be given foreign scholarships and sent for studying nutrition, health visitor's courses, etc. We shall require more and more experts in those lines if we want to be a healthy nation."

MEASURING ROD

When I asked her opinion about the women's International Conference held at Paris, Mrs. Mehta replied that she was, in fact, expecting such a conference and added that it had voiced the opinions of women of the world and thought that the conference could be effective if women voters in England, America and even France, who are in majority, really tried to act up to their ideals for their vote was bound to have effective influence upon their governments."

Continuing in her quiet but sure manner Mrs. Mehta said: "Women can play a very important part in removing racial complexes" and pointing to examples nearer home she remarked: "Look at ourselves! Untouchability is still there and it is the narrow mindedness of women which in no small measure hinders its speedy eradication. It is for our educated women to come forward and educate their ignorant sisters. We must go and work amongst them and do lot of propaganda too."

"After all women's economic, social and political position should be the measuring rod of their status in society of any country."

KEYNES PLEADS FOR AMERICANS

Liberality To Britain Despite Interest Charged On Loan

LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.A.): Lord Keynes, one of the delegates who participated in the negotiations for the dol. 4,400,000,000 American loan, asked the House of Lords to-day to "appreciate the motives and purposes" of the other country in weighing its terms.

During a two-day debate on the loan and on the Bretton Woods plan for a world bank, Lord Keynes observed:

"I see that a serious injustice is being done to the ideal, purpose and intense goodwill towards this country of the American people, represented by the administration, and their ardent desire to see this country strong and effective party in getting a distressed and confused world into the ways of peace and economic order."

Lord Keynes' conciliatory words contrasted the bitter criticism yesterday from Lord Woolton, former Food Minister in Churchill's War Cabinet, who declared Britain faced "an hour of degradation" and said the loan terms would cause deep animosity towards the United States.

Exclaimed Lord Keynes: "What a depth of misunderstanding governs this criticism!"

Then he continued: "It is a complete illusion to suppose that in Washington you have only to mention the principle of equality to get all you want. Americans find a Post-Mortem assessment of relative services and sacrifices extremely distasteful and dissatisfying."

"Is it not more practical and realistic to think as the Americans do in terms of the future, and work out what credits, what amounts and what terms will do the most service for the post-war world and for general prosperity and co-operation among nations?" Lord Keynes asked.

INTEREST ISSUE

However, Lord Keynes expressed disappointment in the loan, saying he regretted it was not interest-free. "The charge of interest is out of time with the underlying realities' he said.

"The amount of money at stake cannot to be important to the United States' he said. 'What a difference it would have made to our feelings and to our response."

But, assuming the interest had to be charged, Lord Keynes said. 'In my judgment everything possible has been done to mitigate the burden and to limit the risk of future dangerous embarrassments.'

'Is it not putting our claims and legitimate expectations a little high to regard these proposals, on top of lend-lease, as anything but an act of unprecedented liberty?'

The alternative, he said, would be a separate economic block excluding Canada, consisting of countries 'to which we already owe more than we can pay, on the basis of their agreeing to lend us money they have not got, and buying only from us goods that we are unable to supply.'

COURT CAUSERIE

Man With The White "Chindis"

By NESTOR

It is not an unusual sight to see counsel dressed in bands in the most crowded restaurants and public thoroughfares in the heart of the business area of our city and even in the local trains during the busiest hours. This, it will be agreed, is most improper from the point of view of professional etiquette and we would invite the authorities concerned to take firm and effective action in the matter. Apart, however, from the question of professional etiquette, if the purpose of appearing in this dress in public be to impress those around, we might mention that from what we have ascertained, it appears that the public is rather affected by a strong sense of ridicule towards those who publicly exhibit themselves in this attire. The man in the street smiles to himself cynically and wonders who "the quaint man with the white 'chindis'" is, and even one who knows the significance of bands thinks of him as a man dressed in bad taste. It is idle to defend this malpractice on the ground that it is inconvenient to change from band to tie every time one has to step out of the Court premises, for that none-too-difficult process takes exactly half-a-minute.

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Bail

The order made last month by Mr. Justice Kania granting bail on a 'habeas corpus' application was without precedent in our High. Judges usually fight shy of making such orders which though clearly within their powers are without the reassuring support of "authorities". There is no other reason why all these years our judges should have consistently refused to grant bail on 'habeas corpus' applications particularly when such orders are not unusual in England. As stated in Halsbury's monumental work on the Laws of England the Court has the power to make that order and there is nothing in our Criminal Progedure Code to exclude such a power. Mr. Justice Kania's bold order deserves commendation.

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Benefit Of Doubt

It is curious that Khan Bahadur Khuhro should have applied to the Chief Court of Sind to expunge certain remarks made by the trial judge Mr. B. B. Paymaster I.C.S. who had acquitted him. The remarks in question were to the effect that he had not given Khuhro a clean bill and that the trial had not completely cleared him of all suspicion of complicity in the crime. We agree with the Chief Court that these remarks should not have found a place in the judgment—we would add—of any court of law. We surmise, what the trial judge really meant to say in proper legal parlance was that in acquitting Khuhro he was giving him the benefit of doubt. After all, it must not be forgotten that the trial judge was, to use the language of the Privy Council in another case, an "unprofessional judge." But the remarks were certainly not inconsistent with the order of acquittal, nor were they objectionable in any way to warrant their being expunged from the judgment, and the Chief Court was right in refusing to do so.

INDIA TO SIGN BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (API): It is understood that the United States Government have made representations to the Government of India urging that India should sign the Bretton Woods agreement immediately if she is to become an original member. The last date for ratification is December 31, 1945.

There is no opportunity for consulting the Legislative Assembly on this question before that time.

It is pointed out that India will not be permanently committed, and can withdraw simply by intimating its desire to do so without any previous notice.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SOVIET

Persian Govt. Repeats Charge Of Helping Azerbaijan Rebels

TEHERAN, Dec. 18 (Reuter): Persian allegations that Russia is responsible for the Democrat Party's autonomy movement in the North Persian Province of Azerbaijan were repeated in a Persian Government statement issued here to-day.

The statement said that the note on the subject sent by M. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, to the United States Government "is by no means consistent with actual facts."

The statement continued: "A number of adventurers in Azerbaijan have taken advantage of the presence of foreign forces and engaged, under the treacherous title of democracy, in armed uprising against the monarch, the democratic Persian Government and constitutional law."

The Persian statement went on to refer to a declaration issued by the Democratic Party which wanted to secure democratic rights and autonomy within the borders of Persia. The statement declared that the declaration was issued at the suggestion of Russians and that Persia already has a democratic form of government.

SOVIET INTERFERENCE

The Persian statement added: "As to the Sovit assertion that the Soviet Commander has not interferred with the movement of (Persian) forces stationed in the north, this does not correspond to truth. According to documents in possession of the Persian Government, the Persian General Staff and the Commander of the Tabriz Area repeatedly applied to the Russian Commander for permission to send troops to other cities outside Tabriz (capital of Azerbaijan) and received a negative reply."

In the past, Soviet armed forces have intervened on several occasions and even arrested seven Persian soldiers. They also expelled Brigadier Khoslovani from Tabriz and sent him to Teheran."

BRITAIN'S REPLY NOT YET PUBLISHED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (APA):—The State Department said to-day that as yet it had not received permission from London to publish Britain's reply to the American suggestion that all foreign troops evacuate from Iran by the New Year.

Although newsmen were given a British statement on the United States proposal last Friday, it was later acknowledged not to be the entire reply.

Birla's Indian Motor Car

How Nuffield Will Help Production

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18, (A.P.I.): Sir Miles Thomas, Vice-Chairman of the Nuffield Organisation explained to the Rotary Club of Calcutta today the project inco-operation with Messrs Birlas first to assemble and then manufacture cars and later trucks in India.

It was not a project, Sir Miles emphasised, which would blossom to fruition overnight. But they had studied the problem and had the faith that there were no unsurmountable obstacles.

The Basis of their co-operative effort was that if there was going to be an Indian car manufactured by Indians for the Indian market, and if the finance was provide from Indian sources, then he for one was quite content that the administrative control of the project should be vested in Indian hands "Our part" added Sir Miles, "is to supply the technical parts which would not be economical to make in India because of the reduced quantities required as compared with those needed on the world markets, naturally the earlier processes made in India will be those that are most simple but they will give an opportunity of getting together an organisation that will expand not only in size but also in technical knowledge and will ultimately become, to a large degree, self-supporting."

Sir Miles Thomas will be returning to the united Kingdom shortly as Lord Nuffield Chairman of the Organisation is leaving England for Australia and New Zealand.

HURRICANE SWEEPS PORTUGAL

LISBON, Dec. 18. (A.P.A.): A hurricane-like wind, sweeping Portugal to-day, threatened to do more damage than the 1940 cyclone, and panic-stricken peasants fearing an eruption of Mount Caparica fled from their homes.

The raging wind has continued for more than 36 hours, destroying plantations, uprooting trees, blowing off roofs and sinking small craft. Experts said that while the storm was less violent than the 1940 cyclone, the duration of the present hurricane might make the total damage greater. The 1940 loss totalled many millions of dollars.

WAVES BREAK INTO CITY

In Lisbon huge waves invaded the city and broke against the Ministry of War building. Special precautions were taken to protect shipping and housing. All navigation has been stopped and the liner "Serpapinto", scheduled to sail for Brazil, postponed departure until at least to-morrow.

Smoke and flames, which geologists said were not a volcanic eruption but possibly radiations caused by the storm, were reported issuing yesterday from Mount Caparica. Efforts to persuade the peasants to return to their homes were unsuccessful.

BHORE COMMITTEE SUBMITS REPORT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (UPI:)

The Bhore Committee on the Public Health Survey, it is understood, signed its report this afternoon and submitted the same to the Government of India. The report which is very exhaustive and comprehensive comprises of five volumes containing about 1,000 pages. Recommendations alone, it is understood run into 500 pages in one volume.

The report it is understood will be published in the third week.

TETE-A-TETE

Without Comment

"The evidence amply bears out the fact that these three men charged before you are part of an organised Army, who waged war against the King, according to the prosecution.

What is on trial before the Court now is the right to wage war with immunity on the part of a subject race for their liberation. I shall be able to cite accepted authorities on International Law, that a nation or a part of a nation, does reach a stage where it is entitled to wage war for its liberation. I shall be able to make that good to the Court's satisfaction".

—Bhulabhai Desai at the I. N. A. Trial.

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The Big Three Foreign Ministers have gone into a rigid diplomatic "purdah", for their discussions, cables Reuter's Moscow Correspondent.

It is to be hoped that they do not come out of it only to announce the dissolution of their partnership.

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In a secret Nazi document unearthed at the Nuremberg trial by the prosecution, Hitler likened the conquest of Europe to "the task of cutting up a giant cake in order to be able first to dominate, second to administer it, and third to exploit it!

The abstemious Adolph seems to have forgotten about eating the cake altogether. (like Uncle Joe does), which explains his ultimate undoing.

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In the same document Hitler said: "We have to learn from the Englishman. We ought never to base our actions on single contemporary personalities. Here again the conduct of the British in India towards the Indian Princes and others ought to be an example."

His Highnesses will NOT pass a resolution of thanks to the late Fuehrer for this compliment.

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The Mosley gang is said to be active again.

It probably wants to protest against the Labour "Gestapo".

The Labour Government has decided to abolish the Ministry of Information.

Its Indian opposite, the Department of (mis) Information, will no doubt continue as before.

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In his presidential address at the annual general meeting of the Employers' Federation of India, Sir H. P. Mody observed that it was his conviction that there were far too many committees and conferences about.

The Junior Colleague suggests the appointment of a special committee to report upon the reduction if not abolition altogether of the present committees and conferences.

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Tale Of The Day

A man dashed into the fire-station. He was very excited, and burst out with: "I'm sorry to interrupt you all, but my wife has disappeared again".

One of the firemen looked up. "That's too bad", he sympathized. "But why tell us? Why not notify the police?"

The intruder shook his head. "I don't dare tell the police", he explained. "I told them the last time she disappeared and they went out and found her!"

CATLIN WANTS FRONT-BENCHERS

Composition Of All-Party Parliamentary Delegation To India

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter): The opinion that the all-party Parliamentary Delegation to India should be composed of men who were entirely impartial and had no preconceived knowledge of Indian affairs or personalities was expressed to-day by Prof. George Catlin Labour Party intellectual.

"There should be a vast difference between people who are doing 'liaison' work in introducing the Delegation to recognised Indian leaders, and members of the Delegation itself, who should be entirely impartial", said Prof. Catlin 'These should be men whose very presence carries weight in their respective parties—like Brigadier Harvie Watt (Conservative) whose judgment will have executive weight. From the Labour Party point of view, the best delegates would be members of the Executive and recognised trade unionists—men whose word could carry to the innermost parts of the Party. Front-benchers, not back-benchers, are needed for an all-party delegation if it is to succeed."

TO MEET BOMBAY FOOD DEFICIT

Delhi Makes Allotment Of 114,000 Tons

NEW DELHI, December 18 (A.P.I.): Enquiries made in official circles confirm that to meet the increased deficits in certain parts of Bombay and Madras owing to damage done to crops by floods, the Central Food Department has promised an increase in the Kharif allocations to those provinces.

At the request of the Provincial Government, an immediate allotment of 80,000 tons of rice has been made to Madras.

It is recalled that as a result of representations made by the Bombay Government, it has been promised an additional allotment of 114,000 tons.

Sir Jwala Prasad Srivastava, Food Member, accompanied by the Food Secretary will tour the affected area early in January, next year.

MAHATMA'S TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF GURUDEV

Shantiniketan Reception To Gandhiji Who Will Lay Foundation Of Andrews Memorial Hospital

SANTINIKETAN, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi arrived at Santiniketan at 4-45 p.m. to-day by special train from Sodepore.

This is his first visit since the death of Poet Rabindranath Tagore Gandhiji was received at Bolpur station by Mr. Rathindranath Tagore, son of the Poet, and students and staff of 'Visva Bharati', of which Gandhiji is a Pradhan (patron).

During his short visit to Santiniketan Gandhi will stay at "Shyamali" the favourite mud-built residence of Poet Tagore.

Gandhiji held his usual evening prayer immediatly on arrival in the spacious compound in the front of the Library Hall, which was tastefully decorated. A special dais had been erected for Gandhiji.

Gandhiji was accompanied by his Secretary, Mr. Pyarelal, Mr. Bharatan Kumarappa, Mr. Manilal Gandhi, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Mr. Kanu Gandhi and Mrs. Abha Gandhi, Mr Sudhir Ghosh, Dr. Sushila Nayar and others.

ANDREW'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

To-morrow afternoon Gandhiji will lay the foundation stone of the Andrew's Memorial Hospital at the Mango Grove near Sriniketan. The hospital is fully equipped with modern apparatus to serve villagers in and around Santiniketan, among whom Mr. Andrews was known as the friend of the poor.

As programmed Mahatma Gandhi leaves on the 20th afternoon for Rampurhat returning to Calcutta on the 21st.

TRIBUTE TO TAGORE

"Gurudev (Rabindranath Tagore) was like a great bird, wide and swift of wings, under which he gave protection to many", said Gandhiji at this evening's prayer meeting, when he recalled that his connection with the Ashram went back to its early days. His (Gandhiji's) coming to Santiniketan was nothing unusual.

"Gurudev's poems and songs and his various activities have added to the stature of the country in the eyes of the world", continued Gandhiji. "It is indeed sad that we no longer have his protective wings on us. But I find solace in the fact that he has left his own memorial in the form of many gifts that he has bequeathed to the nation. It is our duty to receive those gifts with humility and gratitude and to see that they go on increasing. If we can continue his work and prove ourselves true to the task he has left us. I do not see why we should mourn for his passing away. I feel in my heart that his soul is somewhere in this Ashram and in perfect peace. His songs that you have sung to me, although their meanings are not accessible to me just now, were full of sweetness and inspiration, I very much wish I could prolong my stay here in your midst, but I am afraid, it is not possible this time because I have other urgent duties to attend to.

BENGAL'S ORDEAL

During the last few years, India had passed through a great ordeal and none has suffered so greatly as this province of Bengal. The news of Bengal's agonies reached me when I was in jail—powerless to do anything. I all along prayed to God to send me to serve Bengal and to help the distressed people. My visit this time, therefore, was undertaken with a view to serve and to work for Bengal. That is why I am very sorry that I shall not be able to prolong my stay. I shall take my sustenance of peace and inspiration from this place and then go away. I hope you will understand and forgive me."

Mr. Rathindranath Tagore sat by side Gandhiji during prayer.

The last visit of Mahatma Gandhi six years ago was recalled by many who were present at the reception then accorded to Mahatma Gandhi by the poet himself.

MAHATMA LEAVES BY SPECIAL TRAIN

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi, accompanied by a party of 14, left Sodepur Ashram for Sandiniketan in a special train this afternoon.

Gandhiji, escorted by his Sodepur host, Mr. Satish Chandra DasGupta and other Ashramites, walked the small distance up to the compartment at the station platform and volunteers made a corridor for him through the crowd. Gandhiji entrained at 1-10 p.m. and took his seat by a station-side window. The train steamed out at 1-13 p.m.

The special train consisted of two green painted third class bogies accommodating about 30 persons. It will wait at Bolepur station for Gandhiji's return journey to Sodepur on December 20. From Bolepur, Santiniketan is about three miles.

BURDWAN PEOPLE GREET MAHATMA

BURDWAN, Dec. 18 (A.P.I.): Thousands of people, men and women, assembled at the railway platform to have 'Darshan' of Mahatma Gandhi when he passed through the Burdwan station this afternoon on his way to Santiniketan. As the train steamed in, shouts of "Gandhiji-ki-Jai" rent the air. Leaning through his window Mahatmaji stretched out his hand and made collection from the assembled crowd for the Harijan Fund. One amongst the crowd presented Mahatmaji with a piece of Khaddar woven by him.

"Charges Against Accused Not Proved"

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the freedom of the country. On this point many prosecution witnesses have testified that the I.N.A. was prepared to fight anyone who came in the way of the Independence of India, including the Japanese. I ask the court to hold that the I.N.A. honestly believed in the propriety of the step which they took and the justice of their cause."

DISCRETION AND VALOUR

Tracing the history of the I.N.A., Mr. Desai said that according to evidence, when the Japanese realised Mohan Singh's anxiety that the I.N.A. should not serve as tools of the Japanese, they got him arrested through Rash Bihari Bose. The Japanese, said Mr. Desai, might have been very unwilling in their relations with the second I.N.A., "but sometime when you find strong men on the other side, you have to make your choice."

The second I.N.A. under the lead of the Provisional Government was not an instrument of the Japanese. Its object was to liberate India, getting all the assistance it could from the Japanese as an Allied army.

The next point about the I.N.A. was that it was completely officered by Indians. Mr. Desai did not deny that in so far as the higher strategy was concerned, it was no doubt in the hands of the Japanese, who claimed better judgment in that matter. Mr. Desai quoted statements made by Prosecution witnesses that the officers were all Indians and that the men took their orders from Indian officers and not from the Japanese.

The Prosecution idea of contrasting the comforts available in the I.N.A. with those available as prisoners of war under the Japanese did not carry the matter very far, suggested Mr. Desai.

VOLUNTARY ARMY

All that one in the I.N.A. got by way of rations were rice, oil and a small quantity of sugar. The Prosecution could not suggest that this was a luxury which attracted men to the I.N.A. It must further be remembered that those who joined the I.N.A. were certainly facing the possibility of death which every soldier faced, unless he wished to avoid it, as he would by remaining a prisoner of war. A further point was that the I.N.A. was a purely voluntary army. The utmost efforts made by the Prosecution had failed to prove anything to the contrary.

Evidence had been given before the Court to show that the three accused had from time made speeches giving opportunities at every stage to every member of the I.N.A. to withdraw if he chose so to do. It was common knowledge that only a portion of the men who had volunteered to join could be armed and equipped, because of paucity of material. There was thus a large number of surplus volunteers. Then, where was the need to coerce men to join the I.N.A.? he asked.

PLEA TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF TORTURE

Referring to the evidence of torture and atrocities which the Court had admitted, Mr. Desai presented an application to be added as an annexure to his address, asking that such evidence be excluded from the Court's consideration. The accused he said, were not charged with having committed any torture or atrocities on any prisoner of war. On the other hand, it was distinctly admitted by the Advocate-General that there was no suggestion that any of the accused had committed any torture or atrocity, that he was concerned with their commission or was even present at the time they were alleged to have been committed.

Evidence of alleged tortures and atrocities was sought to be produced and was allowed to be produced on the ground that the Prosecution alleged and offered to prove that the accused had knowledge of these tortures and atrocities and with that knowledge had been persuading prisoners of war to join the I.N.A. by giving them the veiled threat: "If you do not join the I.N.A. you know what will happen to you."

The Prosecution, Mr. Desai continued, had concluded all their evidence and none whatever had been produced by them to prove that any of the accused had any knowledge of the alleged tortures and atrocities; nor was there any evidence that any of them held out any such veiled threat to any prisoner of war.

Indeed, there was evidence given by many prosecution witnesses to the contrary. Mr. Desai urged that the only ground on which this evidence was admitted had not been substantiated and therefore this evidence should be excluded from consideration.

Mr. Desai asked that the Court might give its ruling on the application at this stage, so that if his plea was accepted it would not be necessary to deal in his address with the evidence bearing on torture and atrocities.

NO PIECEMEAL DECISION

The Judge-Advocate said it was not the practice to give piecemeal decisions of that kind.

NOT BORNE OUT IN CROSS-EXAMINATION

Mr. Desai went on to analyse the evidence put on this point and contended that witness who had alleged persecution had failed to substantiate it in cross-examination. The persecution which was alleged was really punishment given for disobedience of orders or other acts of indiscipline, and not in order to compel men to join the I.N.A. In one case men were sent to a concentration camp because they were suspected of having stolen and killed a cow. In another case the guard came to arrest the ring leaders of men who were guilty of indiscipline. Some men had been put to do fatigues, which were commonly awarded to all prisoners of war, and which really was the same work that the men used to do in their own villages.

Mohammed Nawaz (Prosecution Witness Number 11), for instance, complained that he had been put to gathering dry cow dung and mixing it with soda ash for manuring a vegetable garden. It was ridiculous to suggest that this was an atrocity, Mr. Desai declared. Everyone who had had to undergo punishment for indiscipline came forward as a martyr and claimed glory as one who resisted attempts to dragoon him into the I.N.A.

Mr. Desai, therefore, asked the Court to reject such evidence.

NO PROOF OF MURDER

Mr. Desai submitted that the prosecution had entirely failed to prove the charges of murder and abetment of murder.

The charges, Mr. Desai said, fell into two categories—one dealing with the alleged shooting of four persons and the other with alleged shooting of Mohammad Hussain. With regard to the four persons there was a crime report. There was no crime report as regards Mohammad Hussain. "In fact there is no document whatever relating either to the sentences being passed or the sentence being carried out. Further, there is not even a casually report in either case."

Mr. Desai said that Alla Ditta Prosecution witness on the charge of abetment of murder of Mohammad Hussain, said in his Examination-in-Chief that he saw Capt. Shah Nawaz write something on a crime report. In cross-examination witness admitted that he did not know the word crime but that he knew that something about a report was said.

"VERY FOOLISH INVENTION"

Lance Naik Sardar Mohd. had said that he had never handled a weapon before but was made to shoot Mohammad Hussain with a rifle along with two others. All the three shots were said to have lodged in the chest of the deceased. "It seems that this untutored rifleman was extraordinarily accurate. It will be for the court to judge the story. I can only express by inability to understand the particular psychology of this witness except that his statement was a very foolish invention."

Lance Naik Sardar Mohd. has said that he did not see any blood on Mohammad Hussain. "With the absence of Khazin Shah and Aya Singh", said Mr. Desai, "with the inexplicable alleged joining of Lance Naik Sardar Mohd. with the complete unidentification of the other two persons who joined in these shooting and with the most extraordinary story of three shots having gone into the body of Mohammad Hussain in one and the same place and not a single drop of blood being found, I submit to the court that the evidence falls short of any proof of the execution of the sentence.

CHARGE NOT PROVED

None of the witnesses had even the remotest possible description of having been able to identify the four persons who were alleged to have been shot.

The order for the shooting of these men was said to have been given by Lt. Dhillon, but there was clear contemporaneous evidence that the condition in which Lt. Dhillon was on the date of the alleged shooting was such that he could not have been present. I submit that this event did not take place because the whole of the story hinges round whether the four orders to shoot were given by Lt. Dhillon". There were two witnesses who said that they were present at the shooting as spectators, but one of them said that the other man was not present at the scene.

Mr. Desai said that in a trial of this kind before a criminal court, no jury would ever venture to convict the accused who was so ill and weak on the day he was said to have given the orders for the shooting. "I will not deny that you are the judges in this case, but I ask you to be judges of the material before you. And the material before you, I submit, shows that it is impossible that Lt. Dhillon could have been present at the shooting."

All that the Prosecution witnesses had said about identification of the four men who had been shot was that they were Jats. "Unless there is definite evidence that the four particular individuals named in the crime report are identified as having been shot, the court cannot possibly hold that these particular four persons were shot. You do not establish a charge of shooting 'A' by saying that a Hindu was shot. A Hindu may have been shot for all I know or care, but you do not prove the charge it was 'A'." The charge in this case was not that four men had been shot, but that the four men mentioned in the crime report had been shot; and that charge had not been proved.

MATERIAL WITNESSES NOT CALLED

Mr. Desai hoped that the prosecution would not resort to the "absolutely vicious process of reasoning" that merely because four persons were seen to have been shot the charge against the accused had been proved. "Considering the evidence on record, there is such lack of evidence of identity that the Court should hold that there is at least reasonable doubt whether this particular event alleged by the prosecution took place. I, of course, am more affirmative, but pleading as I do in a case of this kind, it is my duty to put the case at the very lowest. "The burden of proof was completely on the prosecution to show that the persons named in the charge were killed under the orders issued by the accused. Taking the evidence completely on its face value, all that had been proved was that four unidentified Jats were shot.

Mr. Desai said that the most important point which appeared from the evidence of Jagiri Ram was that both Aya Singh and Khazin Shah—the other two persons who were said to have taken part in the shooting of Mohd. Hussain—were alive and they were the only real and proper witnesses to that particular transaction. Neither of them had been produced.

As regards the alleged shooting of four men, Mr. Desai submitted that, though in fact the sentence was passed, it was not carried out. There was evidence on record to show that in many similar cases sentences were passed but not carried out.

"A charge of murder," said Mr. Desai, "has got to be proved by proving completely what is called the 'corpus delicti' of that particular person. If there is reasonable doubt in your mind that the prosecution has failed to prove the actual execution of the sentence, my clients are entitled to the benefit of that doubt."

RECOGNITION OF I.N.A.

Mr. Desai next submitted that the terms of surrender as prisoners of war offered by Captain Sehgal to Col. Kitson had been accepted and, therefore, Sehgal was entitled to the privileges of a prisoner of war, and to be released.

As regards what happened prior to and after the reoccupation of Rangoon, Mr. Desai said that the four documents produced by the last defence witness, Captain Arshad, clearly showed that British Officers in Rangoon at that time recognised the existence of an organised army called the I.N.A. These documents were addressed by the British Officers to "Officers Commanding the I.N.A." in each case and to the extent to which it was necessary to prove that the I. N. A. was an organised army and was treated as such, these documents were sufficient.

POINTS OF LAW

Mr. Desai made a few further submissions on points of law. Firstly, the Court Martial could try a civil offence. Civil offence had been defined as an offence which was triable by a criminal court. What was triable by a criminal court could only be discovered by reference to the Criminal Procedure Code. He did not thereby mean that the Criminal Procedure Code was applicable to the proceedings of the Court Martial. By referring to that Code, it would be found that a criminal court on its own motion or authority was incapable of trying or taking cognizance of the offence of waging war. If a criminal court was incapable, the Court Martial was also incapable of trying the offence.

A criminal court was capable of trying the offence only on a complaint made by a local Government or other authority empowered for this purpose. No such complaint had been made and, therefore, the Court Martial was incompetent to try the charge.

Secondly, even assuming that shooting was done, it had not been suggested that it was done in any private or individual capacity. It was part of action taken by members of an organised army. If, however, the Court was of the contrary opinion, then the charges of murder and abetment were independent charges and, Mr. Desai submitted, under Rule 24 of the Rules of Conduct of Trials before this court, the joint trial of the three accused was completely illegal.

Mr. Desai cited a Privy Council decision in which it was held that any trial which was in contravention of Rule 24 was illegal. In other words, you could not in one trial charge people collectively unless they had committed all the offences collectively. The three accused in the case had not been charged with the same offence. Lieut. Dhillon for instance, had nothing to do with the alleged murder of Muhammad Hussain, with which the other accused were said to be connected.

It was too late for even this court to say: "We will either strike out the charge of waging war or strike out the charges of murder and abetment of murder in which some of the accused are uninterested."

BHULABHAI SUMS UP

Summing up the points on which he relied, Mr. Desai said: "This is a case of men not acting on their own in any struggle or waging war at all. This is a case of men forming part of a regular, organised army, accepted as such by their opponents, fighting a war under the directions of a regularly formed Government. They are, therefore, subject to the ordinary laws of war and are entitled to all the rights and privileges and immunities of belligerents."

The question of Allegiance is irrelevant to the issue, but to the extent to which it is relevant, the time arrives in the relations between the Crown and the Colonies when the Colonies are entitled to throw off their allegiance on the outbreak of war for the purpose of their liberation, and there is the classical instance of those who are now friends of Britain and their warmest and greatest supporters in the task of sparing civilisation.

On the question of facts, the I.N.A. was a voluntary organisation. Even if there were conscription, it does not make any difference, because there are countries where there is conscription and punishment attached to it even to-day.

As regards charges of murder, they are covered by the fact that they are part of the prosecution of war in that the people were sentenced by courts under a proper law.

The next thing is that there was an organised Government, that a very large number of Indians in the Far East owed allegiance to it and territories were ceded to it and it was by this Government that war was declared and the I.N.A. fought the campaign.

The I.N.A. was governed by a code which is substantially, if not actually, the same as the Indian Army Act. The exception was with reference to whipping. Though whipping as a punishment does not exist in the Indian Army Act wholly, it exists in three ordinances issued under the Defence of India Act. If the I.N.A. Act contained provision for a large number of strokes, it did not make the I.N.A. an uncivilized army because of that.

As regards atrocities said to have been committed for the purpose of enrolling men to the I.N.A., the accused are not charged with them. They neither did it, nor permitted it, nor encouraged it, nor had they any knowledge of it.

Next, this trial is wholly illegal. The charge is not triable by the court at all. Alternatively, this charge is not triable except on the complaint of a local Government or an officer authorised on that behalf, and such a complaint does not exist. And for this reason, the accused should be declared innocent of the charges against them.

Mr. Desai expressed appreciation of the courtesy and attention shown to his submissions before the court and urged that if any new authorities were cited by the Advocate-General in his address, Mr. Desai should be permitted to hand in a brief reply if he desired to show how those authorities were not applicable. Mr. Desai made it clear he did not wish to address the court again, but merely put in a written reply of not more than one sheet.

In reply to the Judge-Advocate, Mr. Desai said there was no rule under which he could claim authority to reply after Sir Noshirwan's address, but he would take his stand on common fairness.

RIGHT OF REPLY

The Judge-Advocate explaining the position to the court said that a Court Martial was bound by rigid rules which they could not waive. These rules did not permit an address by Counsel for the accused after the Prosecution Counsel made his reply.

Mr. Desai intervening asked with some warmth that in that case the rule should be equally rigidly applied to the Advocate-General who should confine himself completely to replying to the points raised by the defence and should not cite new authorities.

The Court ruled that Mr. Desai could not address them after the Advocate-General's reply.

Mr. Desai urged that the Court should also direct that the Advocate-General's reply should be confined to points raised by the defence.

Sir Noshirwan said that was not the meaning of the word reply. He went on to ask for adjournment till Saturday to enable him to make his reply and added he expected to finish his address on that day if the Court would sit about an hour longer than usual.

The Court adjourned till Saturday

FREE INDIA WILL NOT BE A POLICE STATE

Jawahar Defines Place Of Individual Under Swaraj Govt.

SYLHET, Dec. 18 (API): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru commenced his Surma Valley tour to-day with a programme of four hundred miles and fourteen mass meetings to be covered in three days. Panditji will also visit Baniyachong, where malaria created great havoc during the famine.

Pandit Nehru reached Sylhet today from Shillong, accompanied by Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi. As he crossed the valley between Dowki and Jaintapur, Khasi women made offerings of oranges and pineapples to Panditji.

At Jaintapur, villagers, mostly Muslims, presented him with an address of welcome, replying to which he urged all, specially Muslims, to join the Congress, which he described as the organisation of all communities.

Large crowds waited at several places on the route for Panditji's darshan.

At Sylhet Pandit Nehru unveiled a portrait of Subhas Chandra Bose before a large gathering.

Several gates have been erected in the town in honour of his visit, including one named the Subhas Bose Gate. Educational institutions are closed.

At the Mahila Sangha Panditji was presented with a purse for the Azad Hind Fouj. He appealed to women to be prepared for sacrifice and suffering in the future struggle for the achievement of India's freedom.

1,000 Miles In 4 Days

SHILLONG: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru arrived here at ten to-night at the end of a four days' whirlwind tour in which he covered one thousand miles.

During the past four days Pandit Nehru has received purses totalling about Rs. 1,00 000 for different funds.

On the way Panditji's car was stopped many times by crowds anxious to have his darshan. They had also adopted a new hold-up technique. Bamboo poles were placed across the road at the gates erected in honour of Panditji, and at some places a table and chair were produced. Pandit Nehru had to address them.

Midway between Jorhat and Sibsagar the Pandit's car stopped for water for the engine. There was no water to be found and Pandit Nehru himself went out in search of it.

Struggle After Elections

SIBSAGAR: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru visited Nazira on Sunday, accompanied by the President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Munammad Tayebulla and other Assam Congress leaders.

Addressing a public meeting, Pandit Nehru said that the Congress stood for the Mazdoor, the poor and the depressed whose condition would have to be raised by establishing Swaraj. Swaraj was not Hindu or Muslim raj, but it was Raj for all without distinction of caste, creed or community. They had to fight for it non-violently and it was a struggle not of arms but of self-sacrifice.

Pandit Nehru said that in Assam many people had grown rich through military contracts and otherwise, while on the other hand, the condition of the masses had become worse. In Bengal thirty to thirty-five lakhs of people had died of starvation. These were eloquent of the system of their administration.

Pandit Nehru called upon the people to be prepared for a struggle after the elections and to cultivate unity. Referring to the Nagas peasants he asked them to join the Congress for their own welfare.

Finally, Pandit Nehru said: "Let us all prepare for the well-being of Hindustan. Let us all work for the good of Hindustan on the basis of unity, non-violence and peace. Then only will we have no trouble." He requested the audience not to touch his feet and not to bend or lower their heads.

A purse of Rs. 701 was presented to Panditji at Nasira. He was also accorded receptions at Chhanwi, Dimow and Moran, and purses were presented to him at each of these places.

Tribal People In Free India

SHILLONG, Dec. 18 (UPI)

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and party left this morning for Sylhet after completing his Assam Valley tour. Panditji had a crowded programme yesterday, attending numerous public meetings and social parties.

His speech at a public reception last evening lasted over ninety minutes in the course of which he gave a lucid exposition of the Congress case in regard to minorities and damned the League theory of Pakistan.

Regarding the minorities he said: "A Free India State should and must have a special department to deal with the tribal people to protect them and help them to develop on the lines of their own genius. The Congress thinks of the future of India in terms of a federation consisting of autonomous provinces. Within the province itself, however, there may be other units participating in the life of the province and yet wanting a large measure of freedom to live their own life. The whole point is that we want to give the largest amount of freedom to the individual, to small and large groups, within the larger structure of the nation."

Regarding Pakistan he said: "The question is not ultimately a religious or a communal one: it is an ultimate analysis of certain feudal elements of Muslim population which wanted to stop the progress of India towards a Democratic Government."

Referring to the Communist Party, Pandit Nehru said: "It is amazing that the Communist Party which claimed to be a revolutionary one should ally itself with a socially decadent group like the Muslim League. There must be something wrong about this unholy alliance."

Referring to National Planning for a Free India, Pandit Nehru said: "The State to-day in India is fundamentally a Police State. It functions efficiently as a policeman. Obviously no National Government can function merely as a Police State even if it wanted to. Any National Government must be interested in the social advancement of the people."

INDEPENDENCE IN TWO YEARS

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 18. (U.P.I.): "India will definitely get independence within a short time which will be hardly two years", said Mr. Asaf Ali, Member of the Congress Working Committee, while passing through Wardha 'en route' to Madras

Students and Congress workers garlanded him. Addressing the students he advised them to devote their time in constructive programme.

FEEL LIKE FREE MEN

BEZWADA, Dec. 18. (A.P.I.): 'Do not think yourselves as slaves but feel you are free men. The Britishers will have to quit India soon and it is our responsibility to see that they are sent away safely", said Mr. Asaf Ali who has been deputed by the Congress Working Committee to settle differences among Congressmen in Madras. Mr. Asaf Ali passed through Bezwada this morning by the Grand Trunk Express on his way to Madras. A large number of Congressmen gathered at the railway station to meet him. When the crowd shouted the usual slogans, Mr. Asaf Ali said they should always think of "Hindusthan-ki-Jai" He appealed to the people to be more disciplined and strengthen the Congress in its work for the country's freedom.

HIS TASK IN MADRAS

MADRAS: On his arrival at Hotel Connemara, Mr. Asaf Ali was received by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Dr. P. Subbaroyan, Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu and other prominent Congressmen.

Mr. Asaf Ali told pressmen that he was greatly struck by the phenomenal upsurge of public enthusiasm displayed by the people all along the way during his journey to Madras. "I have not known such enthusiasm since 1928", he said, and added: 'Enthusiasm is not enough. It must be harnessed to constructive activities. It will be the fault of leaders of public opinion if they cannot find ways and means of canalising this enthusiasm into proper channels"

Talking about his visit to Madras he compared himself to an explorer and said: "I have come here as a friend who would like to place his services at the disposal of his colleagues". He stressed the need for an united front at this critical juncture of the nation's history.

Mr. Asaf Ali said that he had absolutely no idea of his programme during his stay in the city as it entirely depended on the tasks he would be called upon to perform.

TAMIL NAD DISPUTE

Mr. Asaf Ali is expected to meet both parties to-morrow. A meeting of Tamil Nad Congress Working Committee is also likely to be held tomorrow to enable Mr. Asaf Ali to ascertain the views of the Committee.

It is understood that a memorandum signed by 33 members of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee belonging to eleven districts would be presented to him.

Other memorandums from different quarters are also understood to be ready to be presented to him.

TANDON'S ADVICE TO REWA SUBJECTS

Sequel To Alleged Move For Sending Away Maharaj Kumar

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 18 (API): Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon in a statement says:—

"I am informed that the students and business men of Rewa State are observing 'hartal' as a protest against the contemplated action of the British authorities to send the Maharajakumar away from the State with a view to preventing him from helping his father, the ruling prince of Rewa State in bringing about the constitutional reforms which he has announced. I am confident that if the present Maharaja and his son, the Maharajakumar, are sincere and zealous in introducing responsible Government in the State, the Political Department of the Government will be powerless to prevent it. In the meantime I advise the people to act coolly and with judgment and not by any hasty action to give an excuse to the British authorities and their agents in Rewa to take vindictive and violent step to suppress the agitation."

Kidwai And Malaviya "Out Of Danger"

LUCKNOW, Dec. 18. (API.) Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai and Mr. Keshav Deo Malaviya who were injured yesterday in a serious car accident spent a peaceful night. They had sound sleep and were declared this morning by doctors attending on them "to be completely out of danger". The swelling on the haematoma which Mr. Kidwai developed on his left lumper region is subsiding and he is maintaining steady progress.

A.-I. Hindi Journalists' Chief

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18. (API). Pandit Benarsidas Chaturvedi has been elected president of the All-India Hindi Journalists Association which is holding its sixth session at Muttura on the 24th and 25th of December.

NO REPRIEVE FOR AMERY

LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.A.)—Home Secretary Chuter Ede announced today no reprieve would be granted for John Amery, convicted Nazi radio propagandist, and added that he would be hanged next Wednesday.

Amery is the son of the former Secretary of State for India.

Peron's Hqs. Bombed

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17 (UPA) Unidentified persons today hurled a bomb into President Juan D. Peron's political headquarters, causing minor damage.

The offices were empty when the bomb was thrown.

NEWSPRINT DISPUTE

"Free Press" Of Madras Loses Privy Council Appeal

LONDON Dec 18. (Reuter): The appeal of the "Free Press of India" (Madras) Limited Versus James Finlay and Company Limited against the Judgment and decree of the High Court of Madras dated November 9, 1943 has been dismissed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

The appellants, the Free Press of India were plaintiffs in an action brought in the Madras High court for damages for beach of contract for sale to them of two hundred long tons of Canadian newsprint shipment in one lot before the end of March 1941. They also claimed damages for wrongful detention of certain Government licences for import of newsprint.

The Jugment said that the appellants appealed to the Privy Council solely on the amounts of damages, contending that the were awarded on a wrong basis and ought to be largely increased.

Their lordships were clearly of the opinion that they could not entertain an appeal where the court from which the appeal was brought acted as they were invited to do by both counsel and in so doing made no mistake in their calculation.

With regard to the damages for the detention of import licences the High court had agreed with the findings of fact by Justice Bell and on the facts found by him, their lordships saw no ground for interfering with the amount of damages to be awarded.

The appeal would be dismissed with costs

Posthumous Awards For Bravery

LONDON Dec. 18 (APA). King George today received at Buckingham palace the next of kin of about 170 persons awarded British decorations for bravery in the war but who died before they could receive them. The awards were given to their relatives by the King. Among the decorations were eight Victoria Crosses.

R. M. Deshmukh To Fly To India

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 18 (Reuter). Mr. R. M. Deshmukh, High Commissioner for India in South Africa leaves Johannesburg by air on December 22 for New Delhi for official consultations with the Government of India. He will return to the Union after a month on January 21, 1946.

'Herald' To Deposit Security

LUCKNOW Dec. 18 (UPI.) It is reliable understood that the management of the "National Herald" will deposit Rs. 8,000 the amount of security demanded by the U. P. Government on December 21.

Mahasabhite Joins Congress

GAUHATI, Dec. 17. (API.)

Mr. Kaliram Burman a former President of the Assam Provincial Hindu Mahasabha, has joined the Congress.

Tenders For Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 18th December 1945. Total amount offered was Rs. 1,40,80,000—)Rupees one crore forty lakhs fifty thousand only). Tenders at Rs. 99/14/8 were accepted in full Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 96,60,000—(Rupees ninety-six lakhs fifty thousand only), the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0/7/0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received at all centres except Lahore on Thursday the 27th December 1945 upto 11 a.m. But-cesseful tenderers should make payment on Saturday the 29th December 1945. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 14th December 1945, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs 2,82,00,000—Rupees two crores eighty-two lakhs only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS Dec. 18

Following are today's quotations:—

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: India Sugar 29/4, Mysore Sugar 60/8 Travancore 31/2

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 18/4 Chembra Peaks 9/13, High Produce 31/4, Midland 11/7 Ouchterlony 6/1, Peermade 61/4, Thirumabadi 4/8.

TEXTILES:—Bangalore Wool 5/8, Buckingham & Co Ordy 307/8 Cambodia 24/1/6, Coimbatore Pioneer 395 Janardhana 146 Lokshmi 206/8, Mysore Spl 25/20, Mettur 300 Madura 84, Rajalakshmi 222.

MISCELLANEOUS: Asd. Cement 141/8 Mysore Chems and Fert 20/12, Mysore Paper 24/8.

"British Raj On Trial But Not I. N. A."

DELHI PROSECUTIONS MUST BE ABANDONED, DEMAND LABOUR M. P'S.: TIP TO FORTHCOMING DELEGATION

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, Dec. 18.

As in the lobbies of the House of Commons, there is idle speculation about the composition of the forthcoming delegation to India, in a committee room of the Commons, several Labour M. P.s gathered to take stock of situation.

In their opinion, if the mission is to be successful, the British Government must take certain steps before the delegation leaves for India.

They have therefore drawn up a declaration which has already been signed, among others, by Mr. William Dobbie who is Chairman of the India League of the Parliamentary Committee, Messrs. W. G. Cove, S. O. Davies, John Platts Mills, Rhys Davies and Flt.-Lt. E. R. Millington who is a member of the Commonwealth.

I understand the declaration in due course is being forwarded to the Prime Minister and Lord Pethick-Lawrence.

THE DECLARATION

The declaration is as follows: "In a few days time, a Parliamentary delegation will leave London to visit India. It is a good thing that the Labour Government true to its traditions of fellowship and co-operation took initiative for organising such a delegation. Everyone who believes in Indo-British friendship will wish the delegation success in its important task for bridging the gulf which has been widening daily for some time past between our two peoples.

The success of the delegation cannot be achieved however without some attempt being made to create an atmosphere of cordiality and confidence in India before members leave this country. We are convinced this can best be done by withdrawing the prosecutions now going on at New Delhi against a number of officers and men of the Indian National Army supposed to have been sponsored by the Japanese.

It is not our purpose to go into the legal and moral issues involved in this prosecution. To do so would not be fair to prisoners or to the military authorities conducting the trial. We are concerned with the fact that the trial of members of the Indian National Army and its officers has stirred Indians both Hindus and Muslims alike. The recent demonstrations at Calcutta and Bombay are sure signs of Indian people's estimation of these men.

BR. RAJ ON TRIAL

Whatever be the verdict of the Court Martial, the Indian people judging by their newspapers which have just arrived here will regard these men as patriots of the highest order. To them it is British Raj which is on trial in the historic Red Fort at Delhi and not these officers.

We submit therefore that the Government of India should be advised here and now to drop the prosecutions or at least postpone them for the time being.

We venture to submit further that the Indian Government as it is constituted to-day is neither democratic nor representative of the people's will. It has no support in the country and consequently it does not possess any prestige and authority. Any decisions taken by such a Government which are not in keeping with popular will are sure to be reviewed and altered by a Government more representative of the Indian people. The proper authority to prosecute these men will be the National Government of India which must come into being early in the new year.

PLEA FOR STATESMANSHIP.

We suggest therefore that it would be an act of statesmanship to cancel the trial and thus remove one cause of bitterness which is reaching dangerous proportions in India. It will help to restore a calmer atmosphere for provincial elections and create that sense of cordiality and confidence which is essential to the success of the parliamentary delegation.

It is our profound conviction that it will not be possible to bring goodwill into Indo-British relations without some concrete gesture of magnanimity and imagination on the part of this country".

The fact that Mr Reginald Sorensen refrained from signing the declaration is taken as an indication that he is one of those who have been selected to go on delegation.

In the lobbies bets are being taken that Mr. R. A. Butler, Earl Winterton and Sir Stanley Reed all three Conservatives won't be in the delegation.

ONLY ONE WAY PASSAGE TO INDIA

LONDON, Dec. 17. (Reuter): Allegations that Indians in Britain who wished to visit their relatives in India were being asked to surrender their passports were made today by Mr. Jan Mohamed of the Indian Workers' Association.

The Association has 1,400 members in Birmingham and Conventry with Headquarters in Birmingham.

Mr. Mohamed claimed that Indians having surrendered their passports were being given exist permits allowing only one way passage to India. He said that he was seeking to protest to the British Government against this treatment which resembled that of enemy aliens.

Many members of the Association, it was stated, have lived in Britain for 10 or 12 years. At the passport office they were told that the Government of India was responsible for this regulation which appeared to have existed only since August.

Indians who visited the India Office stated that an official denied knowledge of the position.

India Will Have To Hit Hard

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (Reuter): **A warning of coming upheavals** in India was given by the Indian author Dr. Krishnalal Shridharani when he said, "the world can expect fireworks in India this spring or summer—things are moving towards a head".

Addressing the forum of Rutgers University at New Brunswick, New Jersey in a broadcast discussion on "The Future of India" Dr. Shridharani declared "there will be a first rate explosion or a successful constitutional convention. My view is that India will be a free and United Country, for I expect wisdom to prevail over political and religious slogans.

The happenings in Indonesia must make clear that India will have to hit hard to achieve its independence even though there is a Labour Government in Britain. I believe our future is now in our own hands. We cannot go on depending upon aid from outside—moral or material."

Dr. Shridharani said that the constituent assembly, which would meet when the Indian elections end in April, would be one of the most decisive happenings in the history of India. "Whether India will be one of five most powerful nations in the world will depend upon the type of constitution that is hammered out there."

POSITION NOT BRIGHT

Mr. Jagadish Natarajan, the Government of India Public Relations Officer in the United States said that the position in India was not bright because internal conflict seemed to be irreconcilable. "In India today the desire to be free is common to all, irrespective of class or creed.

"The Congress has resolutely opposed the division of India on the ground that difference in religion is not a sufficient basis for separate nationhood. It is not impossible of solution. What is needed is goodwill, understanding and patience."

RANDOLPH CHURCHILL IN DIVORCE CASE

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, Dec. 18.

One of the season's biggest divorces is taking place in the divorce court where Mrs. Randolph Churchill is suing for release from Mr. Randolph Churchill (son of Mr. Winston Churchill). The suit will not be defended.

Before marriage in 1939 Mrs. Randolph Churchill was honourable Pamela Digby, daughter of Lord and Lady Digby. There is one son (of the marriage) Randolph Spencer born in 1940.

'DECREE NISI' GRANTED

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter): Mrs. Pamela Beryl Churchill was to-day granted a 'decree nisi' against her husband, Major Randolph Churchill, the only son of Mr Winston Churchill on grounds of alleged desertion.

Maj. Randolph Churchill did not defend the petition.

Their marriage took place in 1939. Mrs. Churchill was formerly the Hon. Pamela Beryl Digby.

Auchinleck Divorces Wife

LEWIS, SUSSEX Dec. 17. (Reuter): General Sir Claude John Eyre Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief of India, was granted 'Decree Nisi' against his wife Lady (Jessie) Auchinleck at Sussex Assizes, here today, and awarded costs against co-respondent Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Edmund Charles Peirse.

The case was undefended.

The case for Sir Claude was that his wife became friendly with the co-respondent, then serving as R. A. F. Commander-in-Chief in India, with whom Sir Claude was also friendly and that Lady Auchinleck stayed at a Brighton Hotel with Sir Richard after their return from India.

Indian Philosophical Congress

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 17 (A.P.I.)—The Twentieth Session of the Indian Philosophical Congress is being held here on December 19 and the three succeeding days under the presidency of Prof. M. M. Sharif of Aligarh.

The Conference will be opened on the 19th by His Highness the Chancellor at the Legislative Chamber.

Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar will welcome the gathering and Prof. M. M. Sharif will deliver the presidential address.

The opening day's proceedings will be broadcast from the Travancore Radio Station on the usual wavelength.

Bengal's Food Position Better Than In '43

Henderson Says There Are Considerable Working Stocks Of Rice

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter): The Government of Bengal are in a far better position to deal with any threat of famine than they were in 1943, declared the Under Secretary for India Mr Arthur Henderson replying to a question by Mr. A. C. Bossom (Conservative) Maidstone) in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Henderson added that rationing of a population of over four million in greater Calcutta had been running smoothly for the past 18 months and was being gradually extended to other urban areas. The local Government now held considerable working stocks of rice and had at their disposal transport and storage facilities to enable them to distribute these stocks to any area where the threat of shortage might arise.

Mr. Henderson added that he would give a fuller statement if Mr. Bossom put down a further question.

Question by Mr Bossom on rice production in India Mr Henderson said that India was not self-sufficient in food grain and in the years before the war, imported annually for the rice consuming areas an average of over 1,500,000 tons of rice. During the war the Government of India and the Provincial Governments had taken all practical steps to increase production of rice and other foods mainly by substituting food crops for other crops. Provincial plans for irrigation work were expected to increase considerably the amount of land under cultivation but a high proportion of uncultivated land in India was unsuitable for cultivation.

Credit To Indian Talent

Sir A. R. Mudaliar's Work At 'Frisco And London Conference Praised

LONDON, December 18. (Reuter): The Economic and Social Committee of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations organisation under the Chairmanship of Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, leader of the Indian Delegation to the Commission has done a great deal of work since its first meeting.

A report of the Committee's progress just issued shows that it has dealt with a proposal to set up an Economic and Social Council with subsidiary commissions for human rights, economics and employment and that it is to recommend to the Council consideration of the problem of refugees and other urgent problems.

Tributes to the work of Sir Ramaswami were paid by many delegates and Mr. Graydon the Canadian delegate summed up by saying: "Those of us who have had experience in matters of this kind recognise the talent you have displayed, both at San Francisco and the London conference as being truly outstanding. They are a credit to the Nation from which you come and a credit to the entire United Nations organisation."

Fight For Freedom Not New To Indo-China

Ivan Kingsley Throws Light On Annamese Uprising

BOMBAY, Dec. 17. (U.P.A.): Although Indo-China is a secondary country compared to China India and Japan in the Pacific drama, decisions taken there are characteristic of all the Far Eastern countries. Indo-China is the amalgamation of the Chinese and Indian cultures, two of the greatest in Asia, and therefore her reaction to Western civilization is especially interesting, writes Ivan Kingsley United Press of America staff correspondent.

Once I asked a high-ranking Allied officer why Indo-China's independence is opposed by the great powers. He said that the granting of independence to Indo-China would only confirm the Japanese policy of propaganda in the Far East. He said the main motive of this propaganda was that Indo-China was enslaved until the Japanese "liberated" the country.

A member of the Annamese Government explained to me some time later that the Allied powers still do not realize the power of Japanese propaganda. They try to do their best to contradict the Japanese theory that Indo-China was liberated by the Japanese, he said, but they entirely disregard the basis of Japanese propaganda policy, which, when they once realized their defeat, stressed that as soon as the Allies will come back their granted independence will again be taken away.

By this the Japanese gave a reason to the people of South-east Asia for mistrusting the Allies and seeing in the Japanese their only hope for independence. Had the Allies granted some sort of independence to the peoples of South-east Asia, Japanese propaganda would have been discredited and the people would have realized how false it is. But instead the Allies appeared in Indo-China with planes, guns, tanks and machine-guns to reconquer the former colony. This united the Annamese people, and badly equipped as they were, forced them to fight for their existence.

Fighting for freedom is not new to the Indo Chinese. It is as old as the French occupation of their country. Ever since Admiral Bonard forced the first treaty with Emperor Tu-Duc the Annamese have never stopped to fight for their lost freedom. The French acquired one of the world's richest reservoirs of rice and while revenue poured in, revolt followed revolt as the people became more and more miserable. Whenever starving peasants found an intellectual leader revolt flared up in different parts of the country. Three Annamese Emperors were deported because they claimed independence for their people until Paris-educated Bao Dai resigned in August to hand over power to the Viet Minh people's Government, becoming their political adviser.

The most dramatic event in the history of Indo-China was the attempt of Emperor Duy Than to escape from his tragic duty and the repeated attacks against the Saigon prison by the people trying to set free the large number of political prisoners who had been tortured and kept there for many years without trial. Ensuing investigations revealed the most horrible conditions in the prison and in the notorious Poulo Condore, Nuibara, Songla and Laobao internment camps.

In 1930 during the Yen Bay revolution, when Annamese soldiers revolted against the tyrant French officers and sub-officers, many people were carried to the guillotine. Tonkin villages were wiped out by air bombardment. Unarmed demonstrators were mowed down with machine-gun fire.

In 1940, two revolts were crushed by air bombardment and the Foreign Legion, who behaved scandalously. Arrests following these revolts filled the numerous internment camps of Indo-China and over one thousand people died in these camps due to the lack of medical treatment. But revolt again broke out in 1942, and more than 3,000 Annamese were arrested and deported.

When the Japanese infiltrated into Indo-China closely co-operating with Admiral Decoux, the French High Commissioner, the Annamese were organizing under the Nationalist and left-wing leaders, who, like Ho Chi Minh, President of the Central Government in Hanoi, went into hiding. They were organizing against Vichy and the Japanese. On March 9, Japanese policy changed with the realization of defeat and the French High Commissioner and French Government officials were interned. The Japanese hastily sponsored a mixed Japanese-Annamese Government under the name of "Viet Nam", and armed the new Government. Ho Chi Minh and his left-wing followers continued organizing a growing resistance movement. In August, when the Japanese relaxed their presure, Ho Chi Minh suddenly re-appeared, and with Tran van Giau, his die-hard follower took over power after ousting the Viet Nam party. The Japanese did not intervene, for their propaganda realised that this was their best opportunity for hundreds of years to make the people of South-east Asia believe that the Japanese gave them independence during the short period of their domination. They knew that the Western powers would come to reconquer their former colonies and it would be easy for the Japanese to promote themselves in the eyes of the people of South-east Asia to be champions of their freedom for ever.

This is the reason why the people of South-east Asia believe that although Japan lost the war technically, she won it in theory.

Asaf Ali On Lohia's Demise

NAGPUR, Dec. 17 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Asaf Ali, Member of the Congress Working Committee, passed through Nagpur this evening to Madras by the Grand Trunk Express.

When informed of the demise of Mr. Hiralal Lohia, father of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia, at Calcutta Mr. Asaf Ali, after expressing his condolences said that it was sad to think that Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia was unable to see his father during his father's last moment.

Mr. Asaf Ali is going to Madras in connection with the differences among the Tamilnad Congressmen.

NO BREAK WITH FRANCO NOW

U. S. And Britain Not Expected To Accede To French Request

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (Reuter): Neither the United States nor Great Britain is expected to accede to the French request for a direct British, United States and French diplomatic break with General Francisco Franco's regime in Spain, it was learned from responsible sources here.

According to these sources, both the countries favour instead the continuation of the present "cold but normal" relations until the time when the problem can possibly be taken up by the United Nations Organisation.

The British view—shared to a large extent by the United States State Department—is believed to be that at the present time there is no assurance that a direct attack on the Franco regime would have the desired effect.

Spanish Forces in exile are at present not considered sufficiently strong and the result of any radical initiative by the Western Allies might re-start a Civil War or strengthen the support for General Franco through fear of such war.

The French note may, however, frank exchanges between the three countries regarding the Spanish problem and if the notes are published—for which the French Government has not yet given permission—it may lead to a statement of policy from the State Department, reiterating to a great extent the stand taken by the late President Roosevelt in his letter to Mr. Normal Armour, the American Ambassador in Spain early in 1945 in which the President declared that "having been helped to power by Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany, having patterned itself along totalitarian lines, the present regime in Spain is naturally subject to distrust by many American citizens."

The letter added that the fact that the United States Government maintained formal diplomatic relations with the Franco regime should not be interpreted by anyone as implying approval "of that regime and its sole party, the Falange."

The State Department at present refuses all comment on the French note and declines to confirm that recent developments are—according to a rumour—connected with the recent recall of Mr. Armour.

Sarojini's Appeal To Hyderabad And Mysore Rulers

Urges Them To Help Prince Gulam Muhammed Shah Memorial Hospital

CALCUTTA, Dec. 17. (A.P.I.) An appeal to the people of Bengal and even beyond, specially to the Rulers of Hyderabad and Mysore, to help the Prince Gulam Muhammed Shah Memorial Hospital at Tolygunj, founded by one of the descendants of Tippu Sultan, was made by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu when she visited the Hospital and addressed a distinguished gathering representative of all communities there, this morning, at the invitation of Mr. S. K Dehlavi, I. C. S., Additional District Magistrate of 24 Parganas.

Mrs. Naidu hoped that the Senior Surgeons and Physicians of Calcutta, who visited this Hospital in an Honorary capacity would convince everybody that best treatment was available to a patient of this Hospital attracting thereby the attention of all patriotic and well-meaning Indians to the urgent need of this Hospital.

Henry Pu-Vi To Be Handed Over To Chinese Govt.

Manchuria's 'Puppet' Emperor Under Japs Was Captured By Soviet Troops

LONDON, Dec. 17. (Reuter). Chungking radio said tonight that Manchuria's "puppet" Emperor under Japanese, Henry Pu-Vi (Kang-Teh) who was captured by Soviet forces last August, is to be turned over to Chinese authorities.

China's last Emperor Henry Pu-Vi or as he has been known since in 1934 he ascended the "throne" of Manchukuo, "Kang-Teh" (tranquillity and virtue) is 39. He was only two when he suceded to the dragon throne which he abdicated at the age of six after the revolution which overthrew the Manchu dynaesty in the autumn of 1911. Five years later the counter revolution restored him to his throne but the restoration lasted nine days only and he was again deposed.

After Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang seized Peking he moved to Tientsin where he lived in the Japanese concession until he was smuggled to Manchuria in 1931.

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Kohinoor Shares Lead Upward Move On Stock Exchange

GOLD MARKET STEADY

Cotton Improves On Scattered Short Covering

Linseed Rules Steady On Steady Buying

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

The Share Bazar was steady to-day with an increased activity in cotton mill shares while Steel Shares were midly supported. It appears that in view of approaching X'mas Holidays the market is likely to maintain present level as the industrial outlook remains satisfactory but the market fears some evening up of open accounts. Among mills shares, Kohinoors are favourite and are backed up by interested parties. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2557 and advanced to Rs. 2570. Ordinary Shares were steady at Rs. 464. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2138 and improved to Rs. 2145 while Kohinoors opened at Rs. 671 and firmed up to Rs. 679.

During the last hour the market again improved on persistent buying which was of a general nature. Bank Shares were also very steady. Tata Steel Dfds further advanced to Rs. 2585 and Ordinary Shares improved to Rs. 467. Bombay Dyeings gained to Rs. 2160 while Kohinoors continued the upward March to Rs. 685. Closing tone of the market was very steady.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was steady with moderate business and tone was steady. Final quotations were as under.

Tata Steel Dfd. Rs 2590, Ordinary Rs. 470, Dyeing Rs. 2168/12, Nagpur Rs. 428 Colaba Rs. 288, Kohinoor Rs. 685, New Great Rs. 428-8 Simplex Rs. 332, Swadeshi Rs. 644, A. Cement Rs. 239/8, Central Bank Rs. 103, 3 1/2 per cent paper Rs. 108/8, Scindia 41/11.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 2157/8 Century 930 Nagpur 426/8 Swadeshi 635 New Great 427 Simplex 329/8 Kohinoor 684 Colaba 287 Gokak 326 Phoenix 768/12 Mysore 300 Indian Bleaching 207 Swan 354/8 Finlay 324 Morarjee 782/8 Indore 777/8 Edward Sassoon 835

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord 466/8 Tata Steel Dfds 2577/8

ELECTRIC

Tata Hydro 215/8 Andhra 1830 Tata Power 1953/12 Tram Ord 157

CEMENT

Associated Merger 239/12

INDUSTRIES

Burma 581/4 Alcock 442/8 Bellapur 245 Shivrajpur 66/8 Steamer Ord 670 Scindia 41/7 Construction 226/8

CASH SECTION.

MILLS: Apollo 4/12 Elphinstone 87 I U Ord 16/13 Defd 3/7 Indian Mfg 3580 Kurla 288/2 Khatau 343/4 Dawn 1215 David 1280 New City 422/8 Minerva 243/12 Bradbury 390 Bharucha Dfds 11/8 Bharat 66/4 Madhavji 19/8 Model 271/14 Laxmi Cotton 1530 Vishnu Cotton 522/8 Western 3595 Standard 505 Sholapur 7115 Sassoon Cotton 24 Hindustan 3700 Meyer Sassoon 212/8 Tata Mills 74/8 Ahd. Advance 458/12 Sassoon Silk 95 New Union 27 Poddar 360 Madhusudan 503/12 New 92 Shri Nivas 403/12 Raja Bahadur Poona 127/8 Berar 335

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 202/8 New 170 Surat 262/8 Surat New Premium 132/8 Karachi 237/8 Broach 12/12 Ajmer 14/12 Amalgamated 18/14/6 Jalgaon 11/9 Nagpur 51 Poona 285 Bombay Suburban 245 New Premium 100

BANKS

Reserve 156 Imperial 2445 P P 590/12 Central 103/8 India 225 Union 12/1 Baroda 165/8 Habib 84 International 52 A B C 44 Dena Bank 67 United 90 Jaipur 73/8 Hindustan 56/8 National Savings F P 72 P P 40 Mysore 383 Exchange 58 Eastern 106

INSURANCE

Oriental 6760 Empire 1232/8 New India 98 Jupiter 39/4 Vulcan 19/9 Indian Mercantile 69/8 Universal 15/6 Vasant 25/6 Br. & Gen. 27 Ind. Prud 51/8 Neptune 11/8

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MISCELLANEOUS

Burma New 200 Burma Petrol 5/13/6 Tata Oil 83/12 Mackenzie 148/12 Port Canning 107/8 Kemp 618/4 Zandu 216/4 Indian Radio Ord 391/4 B 380 Dfds 425 Indian Investment Trust 126/8 Wimco 353/12 Tata Chemical 18/14 Dharamsi Chemical 38/8 Mukund Iron 14/8 Dena Trust 26 Alembic 322/6 Supreme Industries 230 Jam Wire 134 Bombay Uganda 82 Bombay Cycle 38/8 Indian Cement (1937) 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 740

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st 229/6 Tata Steel Second 168/4 Tram 71/8 Andhra 1600 Tata Power 1700 Hydro 163/4 Bombay Steam 352/8 Nagpur 726/4 Vishnu 780 Laxmi 302/8 New Great 251/4 Poddar 117 Shri Nivas 101 Elphinstone 136/4 Bradbury 530 Surat Elec 215 Premier Construction First 135 Premier Construction Second 135/8 Amalgamated 153/12 Tata Chemical 123/12 Walchandnagar Industries 283/12 Jupiter 18/10

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Iron and Bell 51/9 Bengal Steel 44/14 Indian Copper 4/10/6 B I C 8/14 Burma Corporation 7/8 New Victoria Mill 8/14 New Victoria Pref. 11/4 Cawnpore Tex 13 Raja Tex 64 Phalton 160 Gold Mohar 355 New Kaiser Hind 2575 Sajjan Mills 420 Osmanshahi 360 Ajamshahi 660

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

The bullion market was quietly steady to-day with a moderate turnover. It is reported that Bulls took up about three lakh tolas Gold in the last settlement. Forward Gold opened to-day at Rs. 81/4 and advanced to Rs. 81/9 on scattered buying and covering but declined to Rs. 81/1 on long liquidation. At the decline there was renewed buying and Forward Gold improved to Rs. 81/6. Ready Gold for to-day's delivery was quoted at a premium of Rs. 1/4 over the current settlement and to-morrow's delivery fetched 12 annas premium. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 133/14 and improved to Rs. 134 on little buying but later quietened at Rs 133/10 on moderate profit-taking.

The market ruled very steady and Forward Gold was quoted at Rs. 81/8. Forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 133/13 and 99 per cent fineness Silver was quoted at a premium of annas ten closing quotations were as under.

Ready Gold	83	0	0
Forward Gold	81	8	0
Sovereigns	58	6	0
Ready Silver	133	13	0
Forward Silver	133	13	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

The local cotton market was quietly steady with a moderate business passing. The market opened at Rs. 416/8 for January delivery and advanced to Rs. 417/8 on moderate support but declined to Rs. 416/4 and steadied at Rs. 417.

In view of settlement of monthly teji-mandi on the 21st inst. the market is grinding around present level but looking at the prosective statistical position the market remains a purchase of March contract on declines.

Thereafter there was slightly improved buying and January hardened to Rs. 418/12 and steadied at Rs. 418/8. The market ruled steady at this level with moderate business passing.

In the afternoon the market was quietly steady with utter absence of any important business and January was quoted at Rs. 418/8.

The market further improved to Rs. 419/8.

The market was steady and January improved to Rs. 420/12 and finally closed at 5-30 p.m. as under.

I C C January	420	0	0
I C C March	430	8	0
I C C May	439	0	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 17.

I.C.C. Jan. Highest 420, Lowest 415, Closing at 3.30 p.m. 419-1/4.

I.C.C. March Highest 431, Lowest 426, Closing at 3-30 p.m. 430-1/2.

I.C.C. May Highest 440, Lowest 435-1/2, Closing at 3-30 p.m. 439-1/4.

Karachi 4P Jan. Highest 44/9/9, Lowest 44/3/0, Closing at 3.30 p.m. 44/3/3.

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton January Contract is 846 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 18.

The produce market was steady today and business for groundnuts December February was done at Rs. 18/6 and November January at Rs. 18/8. Khandesh quality was brought at Rs. 18/8 and Bold was placed at Rs. 18/2. Castorseeds Bombay delivery was quoted at Rs. 16/4 and Naviakhi delivery was placed at Rs. 16/6 while Goa delivery was quoted at Rs. 16/8. Linseed was steady on buying by offices. Bombay ready was quoted at Rs. 20/13 while Bombay February March was done at Rs. 21 and March May contract was quoted at Rs. 20/14. Naviakhi delivery business was done at Rs. 21/4 and Satna at Rs. 20/10. Vizagapatam delivery business was done at Rs. 19 and tone was steady. Groundnut Oil ready on tank wagon condition Rs. 11/4 and Dec. February Rs. 10/14. Linseed Oil Rs. 12 and Cocoanut Oil Rs. 12/6.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

LONDON: Banks Buying 90 Days/st. 1/6 5/32 1 to 4 Months.

Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 3/16 5 and 6 Months.

B. C. RATES: T. T. 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T. T. 1/5 31/32 D. D 1/5 31/32

Banks buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 D. D. 1/6 1/16.

LONDON/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T. T. Rs. 332 3/4 D. D. Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T. T. Rs. 329 1/2 D D. Rs. 328-1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D. Rs 302 1/2.

Banks buying T. T. Rs. 299 D D Rs. 297 1/2.

Tone of Sterling Exchange: Steadier. Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c, Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c. 12 months 1-1/4 p c. Tone:—Easy.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT, Dec. 18.

Cocoanuts Raw 125, Dry 115 Cocoanut Oil 480, Copra Office 315, Dilpasand 325, Madrasnottam 325, Goodgooda 335, Pepper Wynaad 385, Country 375, Dry Ginger Chernad 325, Ernad 318, Coffee Robusta 90.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

MILLS

Apollo 4/10/6 4/13 4/12
Bharat 65 66/4
Broacha 12
B. Dyeing 2137/8 47/8 42/8 45 40 47/8 43/12 55 52/8 60 56/4 58/12 57/8
Bradbury (Ord) 405
Bradbury (Pref) 530
Central India (Ord) 424 24/8 22/6 28 26/8
Century 930 35
Colaba 281 80/8 87 85 87
Edward 830 33/12 32/8 35
Elphinstone (Ord) 86/8 87
Elphinstone (Pref) 135/10 36/4
Finlay 323 22/8 24
Gokak 323 26
India United Defd. 3/6 3/5/6 2/6/6 3/6
India United Ord. 16/8 16/9 16/8 16/14 16/12 16/13
Indore 773/12 85 82/8
Kohinoor 669 74 73 74 73 86 84
Madhavji 20/14
Meyer 213/13 12/8
Model 272/8 71/4 71/14
New city (425)
New Great 424 25 24 27
Simplex 327 27/8 26 29 27/8 30 29/8
Swadeshi 630 29/8 32 30/8 37 35
Swan 352 54/8 52/8 55 54
Tata Mills 73 74 73/8 74/8
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly. 706/4

BANKS:

Baroda 165
Central 102/8 2/4 3
Exchange (57)
Habib 84
Imperial (Old) 2445
Imperial (New) 593/12
India 225
Reserve 156
Union 12 12/1
United Commercial 89

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 201/4 2/8
Ajmer 14/12
Andhra Valley 1830
Tram (Ord) 155 56 55/8 57/8 57
Tram (Pref) 71/8 71
Hydro (Ord) 215/8 16 15/8
Power (Ord) 1950 53/12

INSURANCE

British India 27/12
Mercantile 69/8
Jupiter 39/4
New India 99 97 98
Vulcan 19/8 19/9
Bombay Steam 670
Scindia 40/4 40/1 40/13 40/10 41/8 41/7
Bengal Steel 44/3 45
Indian Iron 50/2 51/2
Tata Steel Defd. 2555 57/8 51/4 65 56/12 68/12 62/8 72/8 66/4 85 77/8
Tata Steel Ordy. 463 62 65 63 65 64 68 67 66/8 66/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. 169 68/4

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 441/4 42/8
A. Cement 238 38/12 38/4 40 38/8 39/12
Belapur 241 46 44 45
Burmah (Old) 580 86/4 81/4
Burmah (New) 196/12 200
B.B. Petrol 5/13/6 5/13 5/14 5/13/6
Indian Bleaching 206 5 7
Port Canning 108/4 7/8
P. Construction (Ord) 222 27 25 26/8
Shivrajpur 64 66/8 65/8 66/8
Tata Chemical (Ord) 19/2 18/14
Taat Chemical (Pref) 123/12
Tata Oil 82/8 83/12
Walchandnagar (Ord) 740
Western India 353/12

N. Y. Stocks Down

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (U. P. A.): On the New York Stock Exchange to-day there was a drop of three points in the main list with many issues down as much as seven points.

Although there was little to account for the sudden bearishness of the market Wall Street quarters indicated that many investors of the "scare easy" type probably sold on the strength of radio columnist Walter Winchell's Sunday night broadcast in which he warned that the market was in for a slump.

Steels and motors lost more than two points.

Closing prices included:

Stock	December 17.
American Tel. & Tel.	168 3/8
Anaconda Copper	44 1/8
Douglas Aircraft	96 1/4
General Motors	73 1/4
Pennsylvania Railway	42 3/4
U. S. Steel, Common	79 5/8

Long Liquidation On New York Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

The fact that recent gains carried market prices nearly one cent above Government current selling price encouraged liquidation and hedges appeared rather more freely. The market was further discouraged by the reaction of securities, but subsequently steadied on scale down trade support. Latterly weakness persisted and the session finished easy.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York,	Dec. 17.
January	24.52—15
March	24.63—15
March highest (10 a.m.)	24.79+01
March lowest (1-19 pm.)	24.63—15
May	24.54—18
July	24.27—21
October	23.32—16
December	23.23—13
January	23.18—
Middling Spot	25.20—13

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March	24.59—18
May	24.56—18
July	24.31—17
October	23.37—13
December	23.26—
Middling Spot	24.30—15

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

March	24.72
May	24.68
July	24.45

LONDON BULLION.

London, Dec. 17.

Spot 44d. Forward 44d. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

Unrestricted Jewish Entry Into Palestine

U. S. Senate Passes Resolution By Overwhelming Majority

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (Reuter): The United States Senate to-night passed by an overwhelming vote a resolution favouring unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine as a prospective Jewish national home.

The decision was taken in spite of a statement by Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that President Truman was strongly opposed to the passage of any resolution pending the report by the Anglo-American Commission of Enquiry on Palestine.

The resolution said, "the United States shall use its good offices with the mandatory power to the end that Palestine shall be opened for free entry of Jews into that country to the maximum of its agricultural and economic potentialities."

The resolution was passed after members of both the parties had accused Britain of defaulting on the obligations under the mandate entrusted to her by the League of Nations after the war of 1914-18 and pledges given in the Balfour Declaration of 1917.

Senator Robert Wagner (Democrat) insisted that any measures short of immediate fulfilment of the Balfour Declaration would lead to a "rapid deterioration of the world organisation for the purposes of peace."

Municipal Workers In Singapore Strike

SINGAPORE, Dec. 17. (Reuter): Eight thousand Municipal employees from various public service departments struck work in Singapore today.

The departments chiefly involved are gas, cleansing, sewage and sections of the electricity supply department.

At the same time 1,000 workmen employed by United Engineers, Singapore's biggest engineering concern, struck at workshops and shipyards demanding 40 per cent wage increase and extra 13 pounds of rice monthly.

The new strikes come 24 hours after the settlement of the strike of Singapore firemen which had lasted seven days.

Press Agitation Tells

ROME, Dec. 17 (UPA). Suspension on two political weeklies which Lampooned "De Gasperi" and "Umberto" was lifted today after a wave of inquiries from Italian newspapermen and foreign correspondents.

Concurrent with the lifting of the ban, it was also announced that the papers had been suspended for "violation of the police moral code."

Hapur Quotations

HAPUR, Dec. 16.

Wheat 10/4 Peas Ready 9/4, Old Khatti 7, New 8/8, Arhar 7/8, Old 7, Stock Wheat 100 Peas 35, Arhar 62, Maize 7/1, Bajra 7/12, Urd 11/10, Moong 9/6, Cottonseed 11/4 Gur 9/6. Arrivals 2,200 mds. Jaggery Powder 11, Kapas 15 Barban Ready 53/8. to 57/8, Mangsir 54/8, Chet 50/8, Guwar Masha 7/2/9, Baisakh 6/14/3, Silver 134/8, Gold 81/8.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.

Activity was centred around rye which declined nearly three cents a bushel and was influenced by the Department of Agriculture opinion that the office of Price Administration ceiling regulation also applied to oldcrop rye. However lack of follow through on the selling side and firmness of Winnipeg subsequently cancelled or wiped out earlier losses.

December 1.80.1/2 (1.80.1/2).
May 1.80.1/2 (1.80.1/2).
July 1.77.1/4 to 1.77.1/4 (1.77.1/2 to 1.77.1/2).

WORTH STREET ACTIVITY AT MINIMUM

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (U. P. A.): Activity on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth market remained at a minimum to-day as practically all divisions settled back to await the year-end holiday season.

Rayons continued inactive and featureless.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 17.

T. T. London on:

New York sellers 4.02-1/2, buyers 4.03.1/2, Madrid official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.45, Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Dec. 17.

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe (new crop) unoffered, Australian Wheat (bulk) 61 quoted Dec./Jan. Australian Wheat (bags) unoffered.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 17.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	74.3/4
Consols 2.1/2 p c	90-3/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105.3/4
War Loan 3.1/2 p c	102-3/4
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	112-3/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	113.1/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	10.31/32
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	88-1/2
National Bank of India	42.1/4

NEW YORK SILVER.

United States price of Foreign Silver 71.1 cents.

New York buying price 70-3/4 cents.

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The inside story of
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Hitherto the 'Silent Service' of the BEST, the Engineering Dept., have a few interesting points to put to the travelling public for careful thought and appreciation. To have kept the present fleet of Buses in commission has not been and is not an easy task. Realising that facts speak for themselves we have decided to put to the public a series of announcements on the major breakdowns—and how these have been tackled.
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In the series "THE INSIDE STORY OF SERVICE AND REPAIR" to be published in this paper.

MUTT AND JEFF—After All This Seems To Be Another Rather 'Shady' Transaction. By BUD FISHER

I BOUGHT THIS WINDOW SHADE HERE YESTERDAY! IT'S NOT A GOOD SHADE! I WANT MY MONEY BACK!
TOYS
WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?
WHY EVERY TIME I GO INTO THE BATHROOM AND PULL IT DOWN, IT IMMEDIATELY SNAPS UP AGAIN!
DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW
SNAPPY SHADE EH?
IT'S A GOOD SHADE MA'AM! IN FACT IT'S A VERY GOOD SHADE!
ARE YOU CRAZY! HOW CAN IT BE A GOOD SHADE WHEN IT SNAPS UP EVERY TIME I PULL IT DOWN?
THAT PROVES IT'S A GOOD SHADE! IT HAS NOTHING TO HIDE!
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Army Officer desires Company of Catholic European Girl or Fair Anglo-Indian girl with a view to matrimony in Bombay. Replies "Bombay Chronicle" Box 331.

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Are you friendless, lonely, aesthetically starved? We introduce ladies, gents, pen, personal friends. Aesthetic Society, Post Box 5531, Bombay. (5712A)

SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted Advertisement Manager and Canvassers for a Gujarati Daily and an English Weekly, also able and experienced Editorial Staff for the English Weekly. Immediate and fair chance for really capable hands. Apply immediately to Box No. 332, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted for an Up-Country Mill a Weaving Assistant, knowing work of sizing and Loom-shed—Plain and Fancy Weaving. Only experienced and practical hands need apply to Box No. 338 "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted a Short-hand Typist. Pay Rs. 60/- per month. Apply Ramesh & Co., 505, Kalbadevi, opp. Edward Theatre, Bombay bet. 12 and 2 noon and 5 and 6-30 evening. 340

Wanted a trained and cultured Hindu Governess-Tutoress for a baby aged 3 of a respectable high class decent Hindu family. Apply stating terms to Box No. 321 "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted: — Matrics, Non-Matrics for sub-agencies establishments in Bombay Presidency. Apply The Indo-Finance & Transportation Corporation, Delhi. (349)

Applications are invited for the posts of Salesmen and Accounts Clerks with experience in Soaps and Oils trade for Bombay. Apply with testimonials stating minimum salary expected to Post Box No. 362, Bombay. 326

Required experienced Spinning Master with full knowledge of Fine Counts and Combers. Apply Box No. 5937 "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted—Candidates desirous of Civil Railway Service Free training, lodging, monthly Scholarship and Rail fare terms. Apply with stamp to:—The Superintendent, Railway Training School, Ambala City. 276

Wanted Salesmen for Coffee, Butter, Boot Polish and Medical products. Apply New Premier Agency, Ltd., Ahmednagar. 343

Wanted Clerks, Steno-Typist, Salesmen, Compositors, Distributors and Pressmen. See personally New Era Stationery Stores, Parsee Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay. 248

Wanted Graduates, Undergraduates and Matriculates, as Clerks. Precise and strong in Arithmetic, having very good handwriting, talent for neatness and aptitude for accounts. Previous experience not essential. Salary Rs. 80-10-120 for Graduates, Rs. 70-10-110 for Undergraduates and Rs. 60-5-7½-95/- for Matriculates. Two-thirds salary for the first three months to those without experience. Apply in own writing giving full particulars and references to: K. R. Patwardhan, B.A., Secretary. Dena Bank, Elphinstone Circle. (5943)

Wanted for Uganda (East Africa) a B. Ag., (B.Sc. Ag.) with practical experience of Arabica and Robusta Coffee. Apply by Air Mail to: Damji Plantations, P. O. Box 108, Kampala, Uganda, E. Africa 15

Medical Practitioners intending to apply for the post of Superintendent G. T. Hospital, advertised by the Bombay-Sind Service Commission, are hereby requested to write to the Honorary Secretaries, Bombay Medical Union, Blavatsky Lodge Building, French Bridge, Chowpatty Bombay. 7, before doing so. 334

SITUATIONS WANTED

Young Experienced Despatch-Filing Clerk seeks permanent post. Write Box No. 352, "Bombay Chronicle."

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Become Accountant, Secretary Stenographer, Auditor, Insurance Officer by post. D.Com. courses. American Correspondence College (BC), Delhi. 5804A

MEDICAL ADLETS

Diabetes—9th August, 1945. The medicine that you kindly sent me was cured as soon as the course was taken. Thank God. Vedavalliammal Government Hospital, Cocanada Radical treatment in 30 days or money refunded. Champion Chemical Works, Tiruvarur. 342

Be sure you ask for B.P.S. "Caffein Aspirin" (2 tablets packet). Purity of drugs and accuracy of dosage are guaranteed. Tablets Limited, P.B. 67, Madras. Bombay office: 11, Western India House, Sir P. M. Road, Fort, Bombay. (5913)

Brovon for Asthma gives prompt and lasting relief. Severe attacks relieved in 2 to 3 minutes. Available at chemists or direct from M/s. Premier Trading Co., Advani Chambers, 4th Floor, Sir P. M. Road, Fort, Bombay. (5915)

Pyradine 2 degrees, American make—in original packing 400 lbs. drums—Shipment expected shortly. Avoid disappointment by booking orders immediately—Write Box No. 328 "Bombay Chronicle."

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST
ASSISTANT FOREMAN, BOILERSHOP.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Indians for the post of Assistant Foreman, Boilershop, Bombay Port Trust Workshops. The pay of the post is Rs. 250-15-325 per month with free unfurnished quarters or house allowance in lieu thereof. The selected candidate will be on probation for a period of six months, after which if satisfactory he will be eligible to continue in the appointment. The post is subject to the usual leave and provident fund rules of the Bombay Port Trust.

Applicants should not be more than 35 years of age and must possess a theoretical knowledge of boiler construction including strength of materials and joints, and must also have served a full term apprenticeship in an approved shipyard engaged in building or repairing of boilers and vessels. He should also have practical experience in marking off work and flanging plates.

The selected candidate will be required to obtain a certificate of physical fitness from the Port Trust Chief Medical Officer.

Applications stating age, nationality, experience with copies of testimonials, which will not be returned, must be delivered to the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay, not later than 15th January 1946 superscribed. "POST OF ASSISTANT FOREMAN. BOILERSHOP, BOMBAY PORT TRUST WORKSHOPS."

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

Bombay Employment Exchange sanction No. 80.

F. M. SURVEYOR,
Chief Engineer.

Ballard Road,
Fort, Bombay.
(5889)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Gujarati knowing Civil Engineering Graduates for Assistant's posts in the grade of Rs. 100-10-150.

Apply before 31st. December, 1945 to Box No 5904 "Bombay Chronicle."

EXPORTS

Manufacturers who can supply carpets and rugs for export are requested to get in touch with A. Manuel & Co., Haroon House, Bazargate Street, Bombay. 5938

Exports Licence holders of piecegoods and other commodities interested to export to Iran please contact A. Manuel & Co., Haroon House, Bazargate Street, Bombay. 5938A

PARTNERS WANTED

Running profitable business invites 10 partners for business expansion. Capital Five Thousand. Goodwill Five Hundred each. Please communicate Box No. 333, "Bombay Chronicle."

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Gem stones—prices wanted on all kinds. Phone 33298 for appointment or write Box No. 5916 "Bombay Chronicle."

Pearls—Wanted large quantities best quality small pearls. Phone 33298 for appointment or write Box No. 5916A "Bombay Chronicle."

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale One Kodak 16mm. Cine Camera 1.9 lens with half speed adjustment and leather case. Camera and case in good condition. Write to Box No. 351, "Bombay Chronicle".

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents for sale of our high quality cigarettes and pipe tobacco in every city and town. Write for samples and agency terms. Oriental Tobacco Co., P.B. No. 190, Cawnpore. 5891

Wanted Purchasers of our Tower Brand Bar Soap, cubes, Cash, write to the Baku Soap Works, Matunga, Bombay 19. (9149)

MACHINERY WANTED

Wanted the following for immediate delivery: (1) Cinema Talkie Machine (new), (2) Generating Set between 5 and 10 K.W., (3) Soundproof sheets for ceiling, Khandelwal, c/o Ruiya Bros., 331A, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay. (345)

MACHINERIES FOR SALE

A secondhand steam boiler of the following specification is for sale as scrap as it has been condemned. Intending buyers are requested to send in their best offers to Box No. 5942, "Bombay Chronicle". Type—Lancashire, 3 flue. Makers—Thomas Beely & Co., Hyder near Manchester. Year of manufacture — 1892. Over-all length—30 feet, Over-all diameter —8 feet 6 inches, Diameter of flues—3 feet, 3 feet, 2 feet. Original thickness of shell—5/8 inch. Present thickness—varying from 1/4 inch to 5/6 inch. (5942)

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Ceylon Produce Available for immediate shipment fresh coconuts, dried arecanuts, bristle fibre, cardamoms, nutmegs, cocoabeans, cinnamons, etc. Terms: Irrevocable Letter of Credit. Bankers: The Central Bank of India, Ltd. Bombay. Enquiries Solicited, Paramount (Ceylon) Limited, P. O. Box 269, Colombo, Ceylon, Cables:— "Paramount Colombo". (286)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
(Directorate General of Resettlement and Employment)

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from suitable candidates for the following posts under the Resettlement Advice Service Scheme The posts are temporary for a period of one year, but are likely to continue for another year:—

POSTS.		PAY.
3 Trade Testing Co-ordinators	—	Rs. 700-50-900 per month.
17 Trade Testing Officers	—	Rs. 600-25-700 per month.

Candidates must be good practical Engineers with a sound knowledge of Engineering Shop Practice, and have served in a supervisory post for at least five years. Age: below 45 years.

Government servants are eligible to apply, if permitted by their Departments.

Candidates selected for interview should be prepared to come at their own expense and at short notice. Those, who are finally selected, will be required to join duty immediately.

Applications giving full particulars of age, educational and technical qualifications, practical experience and languages spoken and read, should reach the Director General of Resettlement and Employment, Department of Labour, New Delhi, not later than the 5th January, 1946.

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SALES OF SHARES

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About 1,000 5% Cumulative Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each are available at par upto 31st December, '45, after which the remaining shares, if any, will be sold at a premium, i.e. Shares worth Rs. 100/- for Rs. 110/- till 15th January, 1946, the final closing date.

THE SHARE MONEY IS PAYABLE IN FULL ALONG WITH APPLICATION

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FORM OF APPLICATION

To
The Managing Agents,
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Gentlemen,

I send herewith a remittance of Rs.....by M.O. (Draft) Cheque for.....5 per cent Cumulative Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each and admission fee of Re. 1 in the above Company and I request to allot me the same shares. I hereby agree to accept the same or any less number of shares that may be allotted to me subject to Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

Signature.....
Full Name.....
Address.....
Occupation.....Date.....

N.B.—Existing Shareholders need not pay any Admission Fee.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST
JUNIOR ASSISTANT MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Indians for the Post of Junior Assistant Mechanical Superintendent. The Pay of the post is Rs. 400-25-500 with free unfurnished quarters or house allowance in lieu thereof and the selected candidate will be on probation for a period of six months after which if satisfactory he will be eligible to continue in the appointment. The Post is subject to the usual Leave and Provident Fund Rules of the Bombay Port Trust.

Candidates must hold a degree of B.Sc. Engineering or must be Associate Members of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers or of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Candidates should have practical experience of mechanical engineering and electrical engineering. A good alround knowledge of mechanical engineering is required, but special attention will be given to a candidate with marine engineering qualifications and experience.

The selected candidate will be required to obtain a certificate of physical fitness from the Port Trust Medical Officer.

Applications with copies of testimonials, which will not be returned, must be delivered to the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay, not later than 15th January, 1946 superscribed "POST OF JUNIOR ASSISTANT MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT."

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

Bombay Employment Exchange Sanction No. 81.

F. M. SURVEYOR,
Chief Engineer.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay.
5890

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. LAHERCHAND NANCHAND GANDHI, KESHAVLAL NANCHAND GANDHI, PRANJIWAN NANCHAND GANDHI and LALITCHANDRA NANCHAND GANDHI by his Guardian Laherchand Nanchand Gandhi have purchased the running concern of Messrs. Allied and Co., Wholesale Chemists and Druggists at No. 262, Carnak Road, Bombay, outside the Fort, with its stock-in-trade, furniture and goodwill as from 2nd November, 1945, and that the said purchasers from that date are carrying on the said business under the same name and style of Messrs. Allied and Co., at Devkaran Mansion, No. 1, Princess Street, Bombay. Under the terms of the agreement, the purchasers are not in any way responsible for the liabilities incurred upto the said 2nd November, 1945, by the old firm of Messrs. Allied and Co., the Sellers.

For Messrs. Allied and Co.,
L. N. GANDHI,
Managing Partner.
(347)

NOTICE TO SANITARY & PLUMBING CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS are invited on rate basis by the Building Committee for Drainage, Sanitary and Water Supply at the Ayurvedic College, Jamnagar (Nawanagar State).

2. Tender copy can be obtained from the undersigned on payment of Rs. 15/- per set. Drawings can be inspected during office hours.

3. Contractors should forward their tenders to Her Highness the Maharani Saheba of Nawanagar State with a deposit of Rs. 3,000/- on or before Saturday the 5th January, 1946.

4. Owner or Architects do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

B. E. DOCTOR,
F.R.I.B.A. (Lon.), F.I.I.A., M.R.San.I. (Lon.)
Chartered Architect of Messrs. DOCTOR & VAZIFDAR,
Architects & Surveyors,
"Dhannur",
Sir P. Mehta Road, Fort,
BOMBAY.
Char Rasta, Khadia,
AHMEDABAD.

Bombay, 19th December, 1945.
(5933)

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Fazalbhoy Limited
Post-war Programme

WANTED (a) Short-hand Typist, (b) Stenographers with secretarial experience, (c) Office Assistants, (d) Accounts Clerks, Bill Clerks, Ledger Clerks, (e) Salesman and Salesgirls, (f) Storekeepers and godown-keepers, (g) Despatch and filing clerks, experience in VPP and Mail-order work, (h) Radio Mechanics, electricians and fitters.

With business conditions becoming normal, we have a large number of vacancies for the above and other posts. Applicants are required to call in person, and to submit their applications in own hand-writing stating their experience, and salary required.

Appointments will be confirmed on completion of 3 months probation, and employees will be paid dearness allowance, and on completion of one year service, will get the benefit of Provident Fund. (5946)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
NOTIFICATION

DEBENTURE-HOLDERS are informed that the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay, have been appointed Agents of the Municipal Corporation for the repayment of Rs. 17 lakhs Principal out of the 5% Rs. 147 lakhs loan for the Tansa Water Works due on 1st January, 1946.

THE DEBENTURES WILL CEASE TO CARRY INTEREST FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1946, and will be redeemed on being surrendered, duly discharged, at the Imperial Bank of India, Bombay.

U. M. MIRCHANDANI,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 22nd November, 1945.
(5931)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of Stand Post Hydrants (as per Drawings), which should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the Chief Accountant's office, Municipal Offices, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, not later than 1 P.M. (B.T.) on Friday, the 4th January, 1946. The forms of contract and schedules will be supplied by the undersigned on payment of Rs. 2/-.

A. H. K. SHAIKH,
Controller of Stores.
Dated 19-12-1945.
(5945)

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the undersigned before 4 P.M. of 11-1-1946 in the prescribed form which is available from the undersigned or from the office of the Local Self-Government Institute, 11, Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Bombay, @ Rs. 2/- each for the work of providing R.C.C. Slab for two culverts on Saki Vehar Road—Estimated cost Rs. 6,000/-.

CHUNILAL D. BARFIVALA,
President,
District Local Board, B.S.D.
19-12-45,
Cama Road, Andheri.
(5947)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 24th December 1945 (CELEBRATION OF THE ALLIED VICTORY OVER JAPAN) and TUESDAY, the 25th December and WEDNESDAY, the 26th December 1945 (CHRISTMAS), those days being Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

J. ROBERTSON,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 14th December 1945.
5934

THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

THE NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES, LIMITED, will be held at SHREE SUNDERBAI HALL, near Government of India Offices, Queen's Road, Fort, Bombay, on FRIDAY, the 11th January 1946, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st July, 1945.
2. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of those who retire but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board,
For the Associated Cement Companies Ltd., Cement Agencies Ltd.,
Managing Agents,
J. H. PATEL,
Managing Director.
Bombay, 30th November, 1945.

NOTE:—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company were CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 23rd November to THURSDAY, the 13th December, 1945, both days inclusive.

The Dividend when sanctioned, will be made payable on and after Monday, the 14th January 1946 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on Thursday the 13th December, 1945.
5932

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for Reconditioning of Scrap White Metal Borings. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay No. 13, at Rs. 2/- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 7-1-1946 at 3 P.M. (S.T.).
5906

AUCTION SALE

AUCTION SALE of Immovable Property, situate at 15th Road, Khar, bearing Plot No. 420A known as Meenakshi Bhavan will be held on site on 23rd, December, 1945 Sunday at 10 A. M. (S.T.). Particulars and Conditions of Sale can be had from Mr. C. H. Chhaya, Advocate, 5th Road, Khar.

C. H. CHHAYA, Advocate,
for Owner.
(5901)

TENDER NOTICE

THE DATE for the receipt of sealed tenders for Specification No. ELG. D.S.1, for Diesel Electric plant and equipment is extended to 28th January, 1946.

P. B. ADVANI,
Special Officer (Electric Grid)
Government of Bombay, Bombay.
Date: 15th December, 1945
(5903)

LEGAL NOTICES

CIVIL SUIT NO. 46 B OF 1945.
In the court of the 1st Sub-Judge 2nd Class, Jubbulpore, C.P.

1. Mr. A. W. Bruce-Joy, Divisional Transportation Superintendent, G.I.P. Rly., Sholapur, Deccan,,
2. Messrs. Edwin Duckett & Co. of Poona, through its manager Mr. O. A. Asprey of Poona, Bombay Presidency, .. Plaintiffs.

Versus

Mr. M. R. Vengari, South Indian Hindu, Proprietor of Vengari Art Studio, Dallas Building A, Ash Lane, Block 3, Dadar, B.B. & C.I., Bombay, 14. .. Defendant.

CLAIM FOR RS. 1,249|4|-
Date of hearing 28-1-46.
Written statement a week before.

1st SUB-JUDGE, 2nd Class,
Jubbulpore, C.P.
(350)

AUCTION SALES

THE SALE of cutlery, Indian silverware, Brass dieties and ornamental works, Persian carpets carved furniture, Ziess binocular, Table linen and Indian Textile and other articles of Daily use belonging to Dr. Dexter Davison will take place TO-MORROW THURSDAY 20th and FRIDAY 21st at 2-45 P.M. each day at the room of the undersigned as previously advertised.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
Auctioneers,
123, Medows Street, Bombay.

AUCTION SALE OF 70 Office tables, 146 chairs, and 10 shelves, by order of the Controller of Inspection, on Friday 21-12-45, at 2 P.M. (S.T.) in the yard of Feltham House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate. Terms: Cash against immediate delivery.

AUCTION SALE OF METAL SCRAP, TINS, WIRE NETTING, ETC.

By order of the Controller of Supplies (Disposals) Branch, Messrs. Crawford & Co., will sell by Public Auction on Saturday, 22nd December 1945 at 11 A.M. (S.T.) at Salvage Transit Depot, Kurla, big lots ferrous and non-ferrous scrap, tins, wire netting, etc. Deposit 25 p.c., delivery within 21 days.

MESSRS. CRAWFORD & CO.
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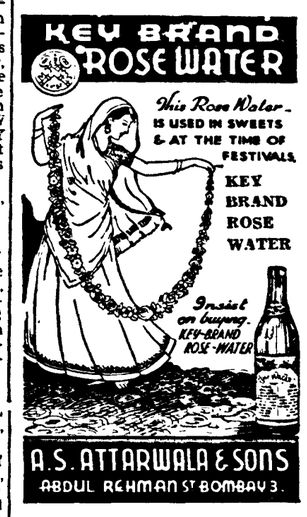
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The Indian Clock Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,
P. O. Sundernagar (Via) Tatanagar, B. N. R.

It may be mentioned for general information that the success that this industry has so far achieved in all directions offers a bright future for its flourishing growth and rapid advancement in the Post-War Reconstruction years. The Managing Agents of the Company have already approached the Central Government for giving the necessary protection to this Industry and do expect a favourable decision in the matter by the Tariff Board recently constituted for this purpose.

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Dr. Rajendra Prasad addressing a distinguished gathering at Sundernagar on the occasion of his visit to the New Factory of The Indian Clock Mfg. Company Limited on 28-10-45.

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